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This month, I'm going to let WELS President Mark Schroder do the "speaking." His words are taken from the August 2016 issue of the WELS "Forward in Christ" magazine. His editorial clearly and concisely conveys some important thoughts about "obeying God rather than man" in our current context and culture. Issues of "Forward in Christ" are usually available in our gathering space or old narthex. This WELS magazine contains many inspiring and faith-building articles. Consider reading this publication regularly for your own devotional life.

Here's President Schroeder's article:

Pastor Michael Woldt

As Americans, we have enjoyed the blessing of freedom to practice our religion according to our beliefs and conscience. The First Amendment to the US Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The double intent of those words was to prevent the government from establishing an official state religion and to prevent the government from restricting the right of Americans to worship and believe according to their conscience.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is deeply thankful for this constitutional protection of our religious liberty. The freedom to believe and to proclaim what the Scriptures teach without fear of restriction or retribution has been a precious blessing to us.

When that liberty is threatened by government laws and policies or curtailed by a hostile culture, our synod will continue to insist on our constitutional freedom to practice our religion in keeping with our beliefs. If anyone attempts to restrict or limit that freedom in any way, to silence our message through threat or accusation, or to impose penalties, we will continue to hold to the truths of God's Word without compromise. Like the apostle Paul who appealed to Caesar, we will seek to have our freedom protected through legal means. But if we are ultimately placed in the position of making a choice, we will echo the words of the apostles who said in the face of pressure to be silent, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29 ESV).

We will hold to our beliefs because we are convinced that they are rooted in the word of God himself. The principles and values that God has established do not change with society or culture, nor are they shaped by human law. God's truths remain unchanging and constant, and we will not depart from those truths. We also will hold on to our beliefs because that word of God reveals the only solution to what human beings need most, the saving good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. To fail to hold to all the truths of God's Word would be a shameful and unloving abandonment of fellow sinners who need to know God's love and forgiveness in Christ. Far from being hateful or bigoted (those accusations have already been made), holding to the truths of God's Word and sharing those truths is the ultimate expression of love and concern.

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod believes that every person is a sinner in need of God's forgiveness in Christ. We believe that every person needs to hear God's call to repentance for every sin, regardless of the type or nature of that sin. We also believe that sinners, once they have realized their sin and come to know God's forgiveness in Christ, will strive to turn from those sins and live their lives in keeping with the values and principles that God has established in his Word. We will teach God's values in our churches and schools and will welcome all who desire to be instructed in those values and to adopt those values as their own.

We are confident that one of the founding principles of our country is the right of all religions to practice their beliefs without constraint imposed by a hostile culture or by governmental authority. But even if those freedoms are taken away, the gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to be proclaimed and confessed boldly and faithfully as he has promised.

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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)*

AUGUST 2016 GREETERS

- August 7, 2016
 - 7:45:
 - 9:30: Dr. Patrick & Lynet Steele
- August 14, 2016
 - 7:45:
 - 9:30: Mel & Eunice Heckendorf
- August 21, 2016
 - 7:45: Dave & Jeanie Martin
 - 9:30: John & Ruthanne Geldon
- August 28, 2016
 - 9:30:

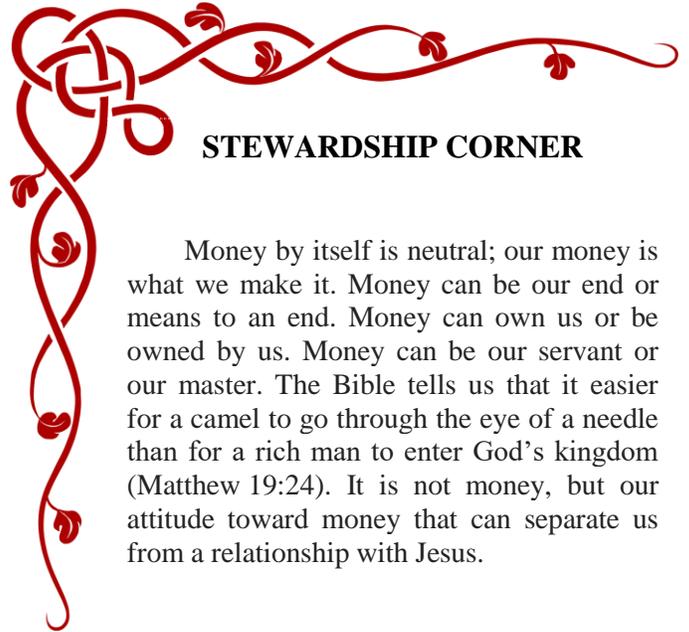
BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY at Jimmy's in Jackson meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 am. This group meets year round.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS will resume in fall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will re-start in fall.

THE "LITTLE ONES" will again begin meeting in September on the first Saturday of the month. This program is designed to be a Christ-centered, nurturing and encouragement group for young children and their mothers, fathers, grandparents, or caregivers. Children from infancy to preschool are welcome to attend with a parent/grandparent or caregiver. **We will have a kick-off barbeque at Cory and Jessica Schumacher's house on August 20th from 11:00AM to 1:00 PM.** Families with children from infancy to preschool are invited to attend the barbeque. The Schumacher family will provide hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Jessica Schumacher at [262.339.0976](tel:262.339.0976) or jc.schumacher@gmail.com. The address for the barbeque is 2657 Oak Knoll Dr. Jackson, WI 53037. We look forward to seeing you there!



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Money by itself is neutral; our money is what we make it. Money can be our end or means to an end. Money can own us or be owned by us. Money can be our servant or our master. The Bible tells us that it easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter God's kingdom (Matthew 19:24). It is not money, but our attitude toward money that can separate us from a relationship with Jesus.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS DAVID'S STAR MISSION FESTIVAL IN THE WOODS

Sunday, August 28th. (9:30) **NO** 7:45 service that day. Pastor Greg Bey will be our guest preacher for the weekend. He is the WELS Friendly Counselor for the Indonesian Mission Field. Angelic Strings, a WELS string quartet will accompany this service. Scott Beyersdorf our new 7th grade teacher will be installed in this service. A fellowship meal will follow. 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.

KMLHS EVENT MAGNETS Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School has given us a large quantity of magnets with their calendar of events for the entire 2016-2017 school year. Please take one along with you the next time you're in church. They are located in either gathering space.

COUNCIL CAPSULE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Highlights
July 12, 2016

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Josh Boeldt, Glen Miller, Tim Gustafson, David Zarling, Brian Lee, Jon Kruse, Pastor Loescher, Dennis Bell
Absent: Kurt Henning, Mike Willis, Nelson Erdmann

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher. A motion was made and carried to approve the amended minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on June 12, 2016.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Kruse, Andrew & Gina;
Jonah, John & Adeline
from Friedens Ev. Lutheran Church;
Randolph, WI

Outgoing: Carol Coons (Immel)
Transfer to St. Peter's, Fond du Lac, WI
Giddings, John & Melanie;
Faith, Samuel, Thad
Transfer to St. Peter, Appleton, WI

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
kurt.loescher@gmail.com &
Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
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The East Asia Mission Committee and the family of Missionary Peter Janke expressed their appreciation that David's Star hosted his ordination/commissioning service on June 26th. The mission committee agreed to cover the costs for non-donated items related to the reception following, as well as an honorarium for the organist. As previously announced, Pastor Woldt has been summoned for jury duty five days during the month of July. Pastor/Professor Joel Pless has agreed to be on call in August when the pastors are gone for vacation. Kris Eggers has arranged for a WELS Strings ensemble to provide special music for our Mission Festival in the woods on August 28th. The Woldt's might take a quick trip out to California to attend the installation service for their son-in-law. The date for that service has not yet been set. We should get to the business of establishing a 175th Anniversary Committee soon. 2018 is the anniversary year, but it takes a while to set goals, formulate plans and inform the congregation. Please remember to keep the ministry of David's Star in your prayers.

President's Report
Brian Lee
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Endowment Committee – The committee will be meeting with Rick Kneser, our WELS Deferred Giving Counselor after the July Council meeting.
Vacation Bible School – Thanks to everyone who work to make this a success
Special thanks to Dennis Bell for taking the time to represent David's Star at this year's SEW District Convention

Board for
Buildings and Grounds
Kurt Henning
klhrconst@gmail.com

Tim Gustafson reported that that there were some issues with the gym floor refinishing. He will be having more conversations with the refinishing company in regards to resolution. The 7th Grade carpeting has been installed and the room is ready for the new school year. Bids are still being evaluated for school restrooms.

Board for Elementary Education
Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com
Principal Tim Gustafson
tgustafson@davidstar.org

Tim Gustafson reported the projected enrollment for next year will be 137 down slightly from last year's 143. Chrome books are now available for grades 3-8. Grades 1-2 will continue to use the NoteBooks, which fit their needs. The BOE is still seeking after school adult day care supervisors.

Board of Elders
Dennis Bell
dandmbell55@yahoo.com

No Report.

Evangelism Committee
Nelson Erdman
theerdmans@hotmail.com

No report.

Stewardship Committee
David Zarling
david.zarling@gmail.com

No report.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Jon Kruse
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Morning Bible Camp 2016
SUMMARY

Jon wanted to pass along his thanks for everyone who was involved in making this year's VBS an overwhelming success. (see printed report)

Treasurer's Report

(Josh Boeldt, joshua.boeldt@gmail.com)

The printed report for June was presented. The Total Offerings for June were 3% less than budgeted. However, overall offerings are about 4% over budget. Actual expenses for the year are coming in as budgeted. Presently running a deficit which is anticipated for this time of year. The deficit is well below last years. Mission's remittances for June were 13% over the budget. However they are still down 1% year to date. The balance of the Building fund saw a slight increase in June with the ending balance coming in at \$78,703.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

Exploration of Endowment Fund at David's Star – A meeting is set up for after the tonight's council meeting. Request from Redeemer, Cedarburg re School Tuition – There was a short discussion. This topic will be revisited during the August Council Meeting

New Business

Designation of Sec 107 Housing Allowance for Scott Beyersdorf – A motion was made and carried to as requested to designate \$12,500 towards housing allowance.

A motion was made and carried to increase the internet up/down speed at a monthly cost of up to \$40 with the monies coming from a special dotation. Next year's budget will be adjusted to cover these costs. Dennis Bell reported on the SEW District Convention held in June.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, August 16th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with a blessing.
Respectively submitted,

Brian Lee - President

David's Star held Morning Bible Camp from June 20 to June 24, 2016. We began at 9:00 and dismissed at 11:30. A 2016 NPH Publication, *Circle J Ranch*, was used. We studied five Bible lessons, focusing on God's plan of salvation, tying it in with a horse ranch theme.

We began each morning in the gym with Pastor Loescher's devotion using each day's theme. Then Tanya Anderson led us with fun-to-sing "Jesus songs", accompanied with Pastor Woltdt on his guitar. The children were dismissed to the four stations: Bible Lesson, Crafts, Snacks, and Games. Every 25 minutes, the groups exchanged stations. We then reassembled in the gym, for our closing song.

There were 79 children who registered but there were 70 who attended. There were 17 who were not members of David's Star. (Of the 17, 8 are members of a WELS church, 1 from Kettlebrook Church, 1 from out of state, and 7 did not list a church home.)

We are thankful for the 32 youth, grades 6 through 12, who helped as cabin leaders. We also appreciate the help of the 26 adults at the various stations. We are thankful for the 57 snack and craft donations, and the cash contributions of \$300 from 7 people, to help in defraying the expenses.

The children who attended were divided into "cabins" or groups:

- Cabin 1 was for ages 3 & 4, where 15 attended.
- Cabin 2 was for K5 & grade 1, where 17 attended.
- Cabin 3 was for grades 2 & 3, where 19 attended.
- Cabin 4 was for grades 4 & 5, where 19 attended.

We pray that the Lord will bless our efforts, telling about Jesus, our Savior.

Together, in Christ,
Doris Koeller

FYI

2016, *Circle J Ranch*, 70 attended (including 17 not members at David's Star), but 79 registered

2015, *Making Tracks*, 75 attended (including 18 not members of David's Star)

2014, *Road Trip: Route 3:16*, 82 attended (including 26 not members of David's Star)

2013, *Eagle Express Flight 4031*, 105 attended (including 49 who were not members)

2012, *A Ticket to Adventure*, 81 attended (including 23 who were not members)

2011, *Tasty Treats*, 67 attended (including 21 who were not members)

2010, *Gone Fishing*, 55 attended (including 13 who were not members)

DAVID'S STAR SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND

There is a special offering envelope in your offering packet for the support of the David's Star School tuition assistance fund. Please consider supporting this fund today or in the future.

David's Star tuition fund exists to help struggling member families pay the cost of sending their children to our school. The actual cost to educate each student at our school is approximately \$7000.00. Congregational offerings and gifts cover approximately 80% of the costs. Member families are asked to pay the remaining amount, approximately 20%. Thank you for your support of Christian Education through your regular offerings, and through this special envelope.



DAVID'S STAR OWLS

Come Enjoy A Brewers Game In The Shade!

The David's Star OWLS are hosting their 3rd Annual Brewers Game on Thursday, August 11 as the Brewers take on the Braves, starting at 1:10. Your cost for the day is \$43 per person that includes fellowship, tailgate meal, a coach bus to/from the ballgame and group seating in the second level behind the Brewers' dugout. For more information see the display in the DS Gathering Space and sign up to reserve your spot or give Dan Bolha a call, (262) 353-1429.

2016 June Operating Budget Financial Update
July 12, 2016

Glory be to God! The total offerings for June were \$60,986, which is about 3% less than the budgeted offerings while the offerings for the year are up about 4% over budget. The actual expenses for June were lower than the budgeted amount by about \$3,000, and total expenses for the year are about the same as the budgeted amount. Looking at the chart below, the actual net loss for the month was \$521 worse than the anticipated budgeted net loss for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of June shows a deficit of \$31,511.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$75,403	\$78,917	(\$3,514)
Expenses	\$80,487	\$83,480	(\$2,993)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$5,084)	(\$4,563)	(\$521)

2016 June Ministries Beyond our Congregation Financial Update

For the month of June, the remittances for the WELS mission were 21% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 12% higher than budgeted for. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were over 50% higher than anticipated this month. The total amounts remitted for all missions were up over 13% from the budget figure for the month but were down about 1% for the year to date.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Wisc Ev Lutheran Synod	\$6,173	\$5,096	\$1,077
KMLHS Operating Fund	\$3,598	\$3,222	\$376
KMLHS Joyful Noise	\$509	\$337	\$172

2016 June Building Fund Update

The mortgage loan balance as of June 30, 2016 is \$1,325,249. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 6/30/16 was \$78,703. The balance is up about \$1,000 from last month but is still much lower than the desired balance. As we pray for the Lord to help our congregation replenish this fund balance, it will continue to be a point of emphasis going forward.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer

SCHOOL NEWS

RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

- Home visits by the teachers will be from August 1 – 15th. They will be calling you to set up a time.
- All required registration forms have been posted on FastDirect.com.
- **Registration dates will be on Sunday, August 7th after the 7:45 and 9:30 worship services until noon and Monday, August 8th from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the school gym. Payments of at least 10% must be made at this time. (School Pak Orders will be available for pick-up at registration)**

SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

On Monday, August 29th we will begin our 174th school year with a church service at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The students should go to their respective classrooms when they come to school. Opening day chapel service begins at 8:45am. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

(4K – 8:30-11:30 Monday, August 29th)

(3K – 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, August 30th)

PART-TIME JOB AVAILABLE (MALE OR FEMALE) Fun and flexible position available with David's Star Lutheran Grade School's After School Child Care Program. There are two positions available for the 2016-2017 school year. One position would be for the lead person. One position is for the assistant to the lead person Location: 2740 David's Star Drive, Jackson Hours: 3:15-6:00 p.m. Days: Monday-Friday when school is in session 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 you have questions, please contact Eunice Washburn at: 262.305.4622 or ewashburn@hotmail.com



5|150 Wellness Circle Program

The 5|150 Wellness Circle is a Scripture-based program centered on improving the overall health and wellness of individuals desiring to live a healthier life. In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul reminds us that whether we eat or drink, we should do it for the glory of God.

The Wellness Circle is designed to help people adjust their priorities to include better nutrition and exercise habits, one fruit/vegetable serving and 10 minutes of exercise at a time. After 2-3 months, our goal is that each participant is achieving 5|150 or 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day and 150 minutes of exercise per week. The program consists of **10 sessions** to help you meet the 5|150 goal as a circle.

The David's Star Wellness Circle will begin meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room September 14th from 8:30-9:30am. For more information, please contact:

**RSVP to Pam Lee RN
262.377.9419 or brianandpam1@att.net**

What happens at support group meetings?

1. Each session will explore a topic related to fruit & vegetable intake and exercise;
2. Participants are asked to set weekly goals (and track progress) based on the topics to help them improve their fruit & vegetable intake and exercise habits;
3. Barriers and successes are discussed within the group with the purpose of supporting each other and identifying areas to improve.

Your friend in Christ
Sue Bolha RN, David's Star Parish Nurse