



Repetition: Friend or Foe?

By Pastor Michael Woldt

Professional basketball players will toe the line 15 feet from the basket and shoot the same shot they've been taking since elementary school, over and over again. Professional golfers will spend hours at the range honing their strokes with each club in their bag, and then do it again the next day, and the day after that. Professional athletes know the value of repetition.

Over the years I've come to appreciate the benefits of repetition in spiritual growth and development. You can see the value of repetition in the very young as toddlers learn how to pray and preschoolers participate enthusiastically in familiar hymns and liturgies regularly used in worship services. Repetition also shows its worth at the other end of the age spectrum. When memory issues challenge the ability to remember recent events, when the brain no longer lights up with recognition of familiar family faces, the words of the Lord's Prayer or the 23rd Psalm come easily to the lips and the words of a familiar hymn can calm a troubled heart. Through repetition the Spirit drives home the message of God's love in a way that Satan has no power to dislodge.

The next time you are tempted to complain about hearing and saying the "same old things" at church, the next time you find yourself "bored" with familiar words and songs, remember the value of repetition for yourselves and others. Engage in a new way with the words you are singing or saying and draw comfort from the message of Jesus found in liturgy and song.

Repetition has value, but it also carries baggage. If all we ever did was repeat the same words in the same way, if all we ever did was sing the same songs in the same way, the Spirit could and would still work, but we would miss out on the richness and variety of expression that God himself used as he inspired multiple authors with different

experiences and abilities to write the inspired words of Scripture.

A recent example comes to mind. A few weeks ago, I preached a sermon on a text from 2 Chronicles 33. The text related how the Lord worked in the life of a wicked king named Manasseh. The truths in that sermon were not new. They are gospel truths we share every Sunday from the pulpit. Yet, this text provided a fresh opportunity for many people to reflect on God's grace in their own lives. I know, because many members told me. I know, because I first preached the sermon to myself before ever bringing it into the pulpit.

It's comfortable to use familiar orders of worship using words that easily come from our lips. It's a blessing to sing familiar hymns. Yet, it's easy to let our minds go to "autopilot" when repeating the familiar. What treasures might we be missing if we never changed the wording of the confession or absolution? What hearts might we reach with new musical settings of songs that carry the message of Jesus' love?

When it comes to worship, everyone will have their personal preferences. I prefer participation over performance. I prefer hymns about the grace of God over hymns extolling the majesty of God. I could keep going about my preferences, but my preferences really don't matter in the end. What's important is that the gospel of Jesus Christ predominates in all we do. If worship is not centered on the Christ crucified for sinners and risen from the dead, then neither repetition or variety of expression matters.

So, thank God every time repetition drives gospel truths deep into your heart. Thank God for variety which brings freshness to worship for you and others. But most of all, thank God for Jesus and a church that still proclaims the truth of his love without compromise.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS



Rino Dippmann (8/4)
Walter Gutermann (8/8)
Anita Eulert (8/9)
Richard Oestreich (8/9)
Gwenith Kuske (8/13)
Fritz Mahnke (8/18)
Lillian Hollmann (8/25)

New Campus Security Measures

Earlier this year, the Washington County Sherriff completed a security assessment of our campus. Amongst the recommendations was encouragement to permanently secure the back office door (the door across from the old kitchen). All access to the church and school offices will be through the main door located near the west entrance of the school. Thank you for your understanding as we all adjust to the new security measures to keep our students and staff safe!



THANK YOU!

A Great Big THANK YOU to those who participated in the New Beginnings - Home For Mothers Baby Bottle Fund Raiser! As of right now we have gathered \$1330! Still have your bottle on the kitchen counter? Empty or full, there is still time to hand it in. Leave it in the church office, the health office or with Sue Bolha. We reuse the bottles each year. Thanks and blessings to all who support this important WELS ministry, with their prayers and with the resources our Lord gives to us!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in the Northside Lutheran Ministries food drive. They are very appreciative of all the donations! Please keep this important ministry in your prayers as they spread the message of salvation through Jesus by providing food and clothing after Bible studies.

JAM! (Jesus and Me!)

JAM (Jesus and Me) is a Christ-centered program aimed at serving families with children who are not yet old enough for Kindergarten. Children can be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, babysitter, etc. Activities include: Bible lessons, singing, large- and fine-motor play, craft and snack time.

Save these **WEDNESDAYS** on your calendar

August 21st
September 4th; 18th
October 2nd; 16th; 30th
November 13th; 27th
December 11th

We begin around **8:30AM** in the David's Star gym. Hope you can join us. Feel free to invite a friend! For additional information or questions contact **Jen Mueller 414-331-5347**



MISSION FESTIVAL

Mission Festival service will be held in the woods, weather permitting, Sunday, **August 25th**. Thursday and Saturday services will be held as scheduled in the church. There will be **no** 7:45 service on Sunday morning. New Seminary president, Pastor Earle Treptow will be our guest preacher for all the services. Lunch will follow the service on Sunday. In case of inclement weather, the service and meal will be held in the school gym.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! There are a number of opportunities to help with Mission Festival on Saturday, **August 25th** and Sunday, **August 26th**. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space. Please consider joining us as we prepare for this service in our woods.

SCHOOL NEWS

TEACHER VISITS

Home visits by the teachers will be from August 1 – 15th. They will be contacting you to set up a time.

REGISTRATION NIGHT SCHOOL PICTURES

Will take place on Monday, **August 5th** (5:00-8:00pm) in the school gym. Payments of at least 10% must be made at this time. All required registration forms have been posted on Fast Direct. If you don't have your forms filled out prior to registration, plan on spending an extra 45 to 60 minutes.

177th SCHOOL YEAR

Monday, August 26th, begins our 177th school year with an opening chapel 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. The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

(4K - 8:30-11:30, August 26th)

(3K – 8:30-11:30, August 27th)



ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You're invited to New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers for their Annual Ice Cream Social on Saturday, **August 17th** from 1:30pm-4:30pm. New Beginnings is a WELS home for single mothers located at 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/events, or call our office at (414) 376-0595. See you there!

8th ANNUAL KETTLE KLOMP

The 8th Annual Kettle Klomp 5K Race and 2 Mile Walk is Saturday, **August 17, 2019**, at 8:30 AM at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (KML) on the cross country course. The course winds through the paths of KML's beautiful outdoor environmental classroom. This is the same course used for high school and grade school cross country meets. After about 9:15 AM the 5K run/2 mile walk and the Kids Klip Klop 1/4 mile run/walk will take place. Youth (age 17 and under) - \$10; Adult - \$20; Immediate family (up to 6) - \$50. Visit www.signmeup.com and search kettle klomp to register. The registration fee includes a T-shirt for 5K run and 2 mile walk participants, pre-race beverages and post-race food and beverages, timing on the high school cross country course, awards to male and female runners in each age division, awards to overall male and female winner, and a tax deductible gift to KMLHS. This event is free for kids 10 and under with no need to register. A t-shirt for the Kids Klip Klop may be purchased for \$5 via signmeup.com.

HOUSING NEEDED

Please consider supporting KML by hosting one or more international students for the 2019-20 school year. Homes are needed for three returning male Chinese students (two seniors, one sophomore). A \$6,750 stipend is provided for 10 months per student. Do you know of others who might have an interest in this ministry? Refer a friend, neighbor, church member, or family member. If you are interested or know of someone who is, contact Mrs. Dawn Farley (414-248-2115; dawn.farley@kmlhs.org).

TEEN A.I.R RETREAT

The Teen AIR (Anchored in the Rock) group embarked on their first retreat to the Lake at the end of June. We were blessed to have 21 teens and 5 adults with us. We had the best weather of the season for a weekend. The teens enjoyed swimming in the lake, tubing, climbing on the lake mat, fishing off the boat, fishing off the pier and even fishing under the boat lifts, yard games and more. We ended the last evening with a parade of fireworks. We had a series of 4 group bible study sessions, while we were there. The subject was "Live Free". Pastor Loescher "Anchored us in the Rock" with life issues and reasons why we can live free from guilt and shame, from the yoke of the law, and free to love God's law and live by it. There were lots of conversations and the teens were engaged at each session. The teens showed major respect and leadership. Chores were done accordingly and promptly. God willing, this will not be the only teen retreat we take our wonderful teen members of our church on. Our on-going goal is to keep them connected to their church. We want to remind them that with a family of believers in their lives, they can and will be encouraged through trials and supported in their faith in Jesus. They learn that prayer is the link to the Lord, and with a whole group of believers in one place, the Holy Spirit works amazingly through them all with his Word. We definitely experienced this blessing on our weekend retreat. Thank you for all the support from the congregation. Your contributions have been a fragrant gift to the Lord as they support the Teen AIR Group. These teen leaders are the next generation of leaders in our churches. Our goal in the group is to keep them focused in the Word, and to give them another place to explore their questions and concerns.

-Ginger Oestreich

COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY MEETING

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None

Outgoing: Heckendorf, Olivia

Transfer to Gethsemane, Raleigh, North Carolina

Jahns, Katelyn

Transfer to Trinity, Waukesha, WI

Wittig, Joshua & Sarah, Benjamin, Jacob

Transfer to Bethlehem, Menomonee Falls/Germantown, WI

Buildings and Grounds (Glenn Miller) Replacing classroom window and flooring in church.

Board of Education (Jason Walz) Potential for 135 students for the next school year.

Board of Elders (Dan Bolha) Focusing on inactive members ages 30-39. Looking for contact information on this group of 46 members.

Spiritual Growth (Jon Kruse) On June 28-30, the Teen AIR group embarked on their first teen retreat to Legend Lake. 21 teens and 5 adults attended. Morning Bible Camp: 78 children who attended. (Eighteen were not members at David's Star). 24 youth, and 24 adults helped out. Adult Bible Study: Pastor Woldt is continuing leading the summer Bible class on the Gospel of Luke. Pastor Loescher is working on an Oasis leadership gathering for September. Our guest speaker this fall will be David Zarling.

New Business - Recommendation regarding Wisconsin Parental Choice Program A motion was made and seconded that the Congregation's President together with our Principal, the Chairman of the Board of Education, and a Pastor develop a series of educational pieces and informational meetings/listening sessions open to all members, examining pros and cons of David's Star's School participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice program in preparation for a congregational "yes" or "no" vote on or before the 2020 Annual Voters meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Joshua Boeldt) - 2019 June Operating Budget Financial Update Glory to God in the highest! The total offerings for June were \$58,263, which is about 3.3% lower than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was 5.5% lower than budgeted for June and is 5.4% lower on the year to date. The actual expenses for June were about 2.7% lower than the budgeted amount for the month and they are 1.2% lower for the year to date. The actual change for the month was \$2,064 worse than the anticipated budgeted change for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of June shows a deficit of \$55,175. **2019 June Ministries Beyond our Congregation Financial Update** The remittances in June for the WELS mission were 38% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were 19% higher than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were 7.6% lower than the amount budgeted for. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 28% higher than the amount budgeted for June and is 14% higher for the year to date. **2019 June Building Fund Update** The mortgage loan balance at the end of June is \$866,616. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 6/30/19 was \$79,424. This balance is down about 0.7% from last month.

Next Council Meeting: (7pm; August 13, 2019)

PARISH NURSE NEWS



**Does someone you love have a mental illness?
NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Family-to-Family
The next **FREE** NAMI session is scheduled for:
September 3 to November 19, 2019.**

Get a better understanding of mental illness, increase your coping skills, and become empowered to become an advocate for your family member(s)!

The course covers many topics related to schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic and anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and PTSD.

Designed specifically for parents, siblings, spouses, teenage and adult children, significant others and friends of people with a mental illness.

The course, sponsored by NAMI – Washington County, is team taught by trained individuals who have lived experience with mentally ill family members.

The class will meet weekly for 12 weeks (September 3-November 19) on
Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00p.m. at
the NAMI WELCOME Center in West Bend,
279 So. 17th Ave., Suite 7
(Enter parking area from Chestnut Street)

Pre-registration is required.

Deadline for registering is August 23rd. Space is limited.

**If you are interested in joining the next session, contact Sheryl at
262-339-7628 or Sheryl.namiwashington@gmail.com**

Together in his unchanging, all knowing, love for us,

Sue Bolha RN, David's Star Parish Nurse
262.677.3485 / parishnurse@davidstar.org

Blood Pressure Screening

September 22
October 27
November 24

Screenings take place in the Health office located off of the gathering space, east of the elevator, between services.

CAMM (Central Africa Medical Mission)



July, 2019

**LUTHERAN MOBILE MEDICAL CLINIC
- MALAWI**

We are in the cold season here and while the day starts chilly, about 50 degrees, it warms up into the mid-seventies when the sun is high. Driving to our clinics, we see people stand by fires along the side of the road keeping warm, and sometimes roasting some goat meat or cobs of maize to sell. Since it's also the dry season, the landscape is getting brown, and there's a dusty haze over the mountains. The seasons do change here, and the months are passing quickly. Some of the work has become routine, but my husband Gary and I have been aware of the changing opportunities and challenges which are always being presented to us in this mission. We see how the Lord faithfully provides the right people and resources needed to accomplish His work here in Africa. Here are some updates.

At our Mwalaulomwe clinic, the renovations are just about finished! The improvements include five private consultation rooms, a lab, an improved exam room for our antenatal women and a procedure room. There is better light with use of opaque roof sheets, a new floor, repairs to plastering, masonry and drainage, and new paint inside and out. Gary made sure the entrance has a gradual ramp rather than a steep step. We have been holding clinic in the church for three weeks but hope to start using the new building in early July. What's needed is more chairs, tables, and curtains for the exam rooms. Our contractor will then be starting work on a whole new clinic building at Msambo as soon as August.

Our new ambulance, another Toyota Landcruiser, arrived in May. Thanks to Gary, it is inspected, registered, stickered, painted with lettering, and ready for use! It can carry 13 people, plus a roof rack full of our clinic supplies out to the villages and back on rough dirt roads. Our older ambulance will be sold to the Lutheran Mission. It is wonderful to have such a dependable new vehicle!

We are finally starting to see a drop in the numbers of malaria cases at all of our clinics, which happens after the rainy season ends. Our staff at

Mwalaulomwe have begun to give babies the malaria vaccine, as that district was chosen as part of a pilot program. We are excited about the prospect of preventing more children from getting life-threatening malaria. We referred 22 children with malaria and severe anemia to the hospital in May, after checking their blood hemoglobin. We also test all pregnant women at their first visit. Anemia is a consequence of malaria, but also due to poor nutrition. We treat anemic patients with iron and continue to give micronutrients to infants age 6 -24 months old. Teaching mothers about feeding their families foods such as beans and dark green vegetables is also important in preventing anemia. We should be getting a newer hemoglobinometer soon, thanks to our donors.

This year we hired a young Clinical Officer named Kingsley Khonde, who's been a welcome addition to our staff. With two clinicians we can better care for the high numbers of outpatients in malaria season. He also is trained in HIV testing and counseling, and has helped to improve our medical care. Since June, we have had an unpaid public health student intern named Sydney Kambaliken working with our clinic for 8 weeks. This additional helper will survey villagers concerning their health needs and the effectiveness of our services.

God has given us the right people, including you at home, to continue the Lutheran Mobile Clinic work of Gospel outreach and healthcare in Malawi.

Thank you so much for your donations and prayers!
Your sister in Christ, Beth Evans



(Mwalaulomwe clinic renovations)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #5	2	3 5:00 PM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #6
4 7:45 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #7 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #8	5	6 8:00 AM Walking Group	7	8 6:30 PM Worship Service #9	9	10 5:00 PM Worship Service #1
11 7:45 AM Worship Service #2 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service #3	12	13 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Jimmy's 8:00 AM Walking Group 7:00 PM Council Mtg (MPR)	14	15 6:30 PM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #4	16	17 5:00 PM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #5
18 7:45 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #6 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #7	19	20 8:00 AM Walking Group	21	22 6:30 PM Board of Education Mtg (8th Grade Room) 6:30 PM Worship Service #8	23	24 5:00 PM Worship Service #9
25 7:45 AM NO Worship Service 9:30 AM Mission Festival Service (Woods weather permitting) #1, #2	26 8:30 AM School Begins	27 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study @ Jimmy's 8:00 AM Walking Group 6:30 PM Elders Mtg (MPR)	28	29 6:30 PM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #3	30 NO School	31 6:30 PM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion #4

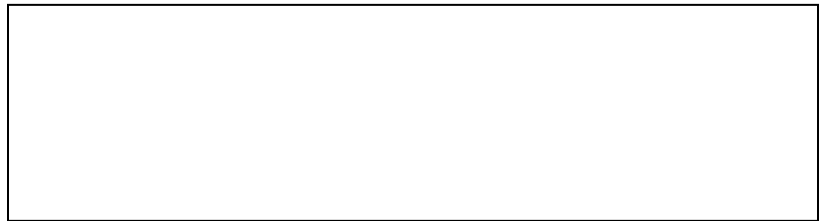
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Worship Schedule

Fall - Winter

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 & 10:15 AM

Children's & Adult Bible Study 9:10 AM

Memorial Day - Labor Day

Thursday 6:30 PM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:45 & 9:30 AM

Also Available

David's Star Lutheran School

K3 Preschool - Grade 8

Principal: Mr. Timothy Gustafson

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***Mission Statement of
David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church***

This congregation shall strive to proclaim the Law and Gospel; to lead sinners to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus for life and salvation; to strengthen believers in faith and sanctification through the Means of Grace; to equip believers as disciples, stewards, and witnesses for sharing the Gospel of Jesus with our fellowmen.

The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a group of Christians, and its ultimate objective, is to serve all people in God's world with his Gospel. All members of this congregation shall strive to proclaim the joys of Christian life and to witness for Christ to the best of their individual abilities.
(1 John 5: 1-10)