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More than Conquerors

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Go ahead and ask. "How can anyone possibly be more than a conqueror?" The Olympics are going on as I write this and I haven't seen any athlete that is more than a gold medal winner. Yet the Apostle Paul called us more than conquerors in a part of his letter to the Roman Church that had to do with suffering all kinds of trials and troubles. How confusing is that?! In the middle of all sorts of suffering, failing, and overwhelming oppression we are more than conquerors? He even at one point said that we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. We face death all day long. Where is the win? Try telling someone on death row, "Congratulations, you win!"

A "more than conqueror" concept makes no sense at all to people who have a worldly mindset. The world sees conquering as attaining your goals, finding happiness, defeating your enemy, winning that game. There is no joy beyond that. How sad. If your goal in life is to have a happy family and a comfortable income, you may attain your goal to the height of your dreams, but what is to stop sin from toppling everything or the economy from ripping your years of hard work away from you? You were a conqueror but not anymore. If you see national pride and power as security, then it appears for now that we as a nation have conquered. But if you are a student of history at all, you know that once proud, powerful nations are only a memory, a chapter in a history book. Just because we are conquerors now, doesn't mean we will be tomorrow. If you follow sports, you can see how much emotion, life, time and money are poured into just winning a championship. Owners of professional teams spend billions of dollars on stadiums and athlete contracts in order to be called conquerors. For what? So they have to spend the same obscene amount of resources again the next year to try to

remain a conqueror? Sure, you may conquer today, but you can always be conquered.

The "more than conqueror" truth is the stuff that Lent is made of. It looked like Jesus was being conquered. His friends deserted him. The crowds turned on him. He was falsely accused and executed for someone else's crimes. He was defeated, and yet he conquered. He died for sins, once for all. He won a victory over sin and death that he doesn't have to win over and over again. He will never have to defend his crown. And that once for all victory makes us more than conquerors, too. We don't have to defend our crown of life that Jesus won for us. There are no serious competitors. It is done and nothing can separate us from God's love. You can be at the beginning of a major battle in your life, but you remain a conqueror no matter how daunting the enemy. You can be in the middle of that fight not seeing any way for a good outcome, but you are still a conqueror. You can look like you are done, defeated and without hope, but you are a conqueror. We remain the conqueror forever through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you don't see yourself as a conqueror, then check your worldview. You may be in the wrong camp. The world sees suffering as something that is wrong and has to be conquered if you are to be happy. Those who live in the love of Jesus see suffering as a normal part of this sinful world. We rightly pray for a given trial to be taken from us, but know that it may never go away as long as we live on this earth. And that's okay, because it is defeated. It may make us feel like losers for a time, but we know by faith in the love of God that we are not, we are more than conquerors. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

Donna Gutermann (3/18)

March 2018 GREETERS

March 4 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	Brian & Pam Lee
March 11 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	Myron & Delores Philipps
March 18 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	Ruthanne Geldon
March 25 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a

BIBLE STUDY OPORTUNITY

New Life in Christ Bible Series is a class intended for anyone who wishes to brush up on the Bible teachings or wants to come to understand them for the first time. This course also gives a full understanding of what we teach as a congregation. Upon completion, Non-members may choose to join our fellowship. Two classes are offered (Monday or Thursday) in the multi-purpose room of the school from 7pm to 8pm.

175th SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 29, 2018

We will have one worship service on the weekend held at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Sunday, April 29th at 9:30am. A fellowship meal and a presentation by the school children will follow. Our focus will be on the blessings of Christian education. WELS BME Administrator Paul Prange will preach for this service.

June 16, 2018

Picnic Celebration! An old fashioned picnic will be held on the church grounds Saturday, June 16th starting at 11:00 am. There will be food, games, and entertainment!

July 1, 2018

Outdoor Worship in Church Woods will be held Sunday, July 1st, at 9:30am. Pastor Richard Gurgel will preach for this service.

August 26, 2018

Mission Festival in Church Woods. An outdoor worship service held on Sunday, August 26th, 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 14th, at 10:15am with lunch to follow on David's Star campus. WELS President Mark Schroeder will preach for this service.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS - We welcome Jennifer Miller to the position of Church Secretary. Jennifer served on an interim basis when Phyllis Dencker became ill. We are grateful for the servant attitude our secretaries have always shown and Jennifer has continued with that same spirit.

DAVID'S STAR SCHOOL JOB OPENING

David's Star Hot Lunch program is looking for a Lunch Coordinator. The person would be responsible for menu planning, food preparation, serving, scheduling volunteers, and clean up after lunch. This is a three day per week paid position. Please contact Jennifer Miller in the church office if you would like more information.

OFFERING ENVELOPES - Beginning this month, the weekly offering envelopes will have two line items with different names. 'Synods & Missions' is now 'WELS.' Offerings given to this fund will continue to support all the work we do together as a Synod, which includes world and home missions & worker training. What was referred to as 'Let Our Light Shine' is now simply called 'Debt Retirement.' This line is not a replacement for the 175th Debt Retirement Thank Offering. Please use the special envelope provided for this.



LENT 2018

JESUS CHRIST
IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Lenten Service Times
3:45 & 7:00pm

March 7th

Pastor Woldt (David's Star, Jackson)

March 14th

Pastor Hoofervorst (St. Lucas, Kewaskum)

March 21st

Pastor Loescher (David's Star, Jackson)

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS Our Lenten meal is offered Wednesdays between 4:45 and 6:30 PM in the gym. Eight organizations at David's Star are willing to serve a meal for this fellowship opportunity. **Everyone is invited to help** with donations of food and/or serving. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. Thank you.

Lenten Meals 2018 Schedule

March 7: *Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study* will serve "Sloppy Joes".

March 14: *Oasis Bible Study* groups will serve chili.

March 21: *AIR (ANCHORED IN THE ROCK) Youth Group* will serve spaghetti & meat balls and Chicken Alfredo.



Holy Week Church Service Times

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2018
3:45 & 7:00pm

Good Friday Services

March 30, 2018
1:30pm – Service of the Cross
7:00pm – Service of Tenebrae (Darkness)

Easter Eve Vigil w/ Holy Communion

March 31, 2018
7:00pm

Easter Dawn Service

April 1, 2018
6:00am

Easter Festival Services

April 1, 2018
7:45 and 10:15am

Easter Breakfast serving from
7:00 – 10:00am (school gym)

Confirmation 2018

On Sunday, March 25th in the 10:15 service, 18 students will be confirmed:

Jacob Michael Buck, Nina Carolyn Campbell
Alyssa Louise Gaeth, Rehonna Rose Geldon,
Emma Danielle Grueneberg, Josephine Rose
Jacklin, Eden Sheahan Kruse, Austin James
Leitzke, Allison Ruth Ann Munn, Hannah Elizabeth
Koskovich, Logan Ray Oestreich, Brandon Charles
Schrap, Alexa Amy Schwalenberg, Nicole Lynn
Stiemke, Mikayla Ann Uhlig, Austin Randal
Wagner, Benjamin Daniel Willis,
Benjamin Mark Zylka

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 24th at 11am in our church woods. Hear the Easter Story told using special Easter Eggs. Kids ages 0-12 hunt for candy-filled eggs. Great family fun! Refreshments provided.

Pizza Fundraiser - David's Star School is holding their annual pizza fundraiser. This year we hope to raise enough funds to purchase some new play equipment for our lower playground, which is utilized by our younger grades and daycare. Order forms are available in the narthex. We will accept orders through Friday, March 16th. Please make all checks out to David's Star. Please also keep an eye out for a link to sign up to volunteer to help with set-up (April 6th) and pizza assembly/pick up (April 7th). We will need LOTS of helpers...but we promise to make it fun with raffles and prizes for volunteers! If anyone has any questions regarding the fundraiser please direct them to Krista Kuber krista@accordmfg.com /262-384-0102.

WALKING GROUP - All are welcome to walk with us on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00am-9:00am. Feel free to come when you can and leave when you need to. We will be walking in the school gym until the weather warms up.



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, so that you can join us for **JAM**

March 14

April 11

April 25

May 9

May 23

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**

CALL NEWS - Dear members of David's' Star Lutheran Church, after careful consideration and many prayers, God has led me to accept the call as the Kindergarten teacher next fall. I am humbled that you have entrusted the students of David's Star in my care. I ask you to continue to keep me and my family in your prayers as I begin to prepare to teach Jesus's little lambs. I look forward to serving you and our Savior. Train a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6.
Yours in Christ, Amy Schrap

**COUNCIL CAPSULE
HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING**

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming:

Fick, Willis & Karen; *Transfer from St. Paul's, Slinger, WI*

Outgoing:

Bublitz, Austin; *Transfer to Peace, Hartford, WI*
Lau, Aimee (Matter); *Transfer to St. Andrew, Middleton, WI*
Tews, Justin; *Released from Membership*

President's Report

Paul Steinbrenner

Working on a photo directory with LifeTouch. Jennifer Miller has officially been hired as the Church Secretary.

Board for Elementary Education

Jason Walz, Tim Gustafson

Discussed calendar for next year. There has been a lot of sickness with students, and some with the staff. Discussion regarding the call for the kindergarten teacher.

Board of Elders

Dan Bolha

Dan will be meeting with the board members in the next few weeks. The front pews will be replaced with chairs sometime next month with chairs similar to those in the handicapped area.

Evangelism Committee

Andrew Loescher

Continue to focus on event based outreach (mailings and advertisements), possibility of having an outreach event coinciding with 175th Anniversary, focus congregation on being witness minded (smile and greet people outside personal groups of people, welcoming new people, etc.), discussed with K. Bintz how we can improve the outreach with new people. We can replace road signs with similar styles of signs (single post)

according to the county, unless we go onto private property to upgrade the style of sign. Possible mission trip for members of the congregation.

Stewardship Committee

David Zarling

New envelopes have been distributed.

Treasurer's Report

Josh Boeldt

Operating Budget Update:

Thanks be to God! The total offerings for January were \$74,356, which is about 18% higher than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was about 16% higher than budgeted. The actual expenses for January were about 0.4% lower than the budgeted amount. Looking at the chart below, the actual change for the month was \$12,739 better than the anticipated budgeted change for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of January shows a deficit of \$2,366.

Ministries Beyond our Congregation Update:

The remittances in January for the WELS mission were 32% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 12% lower than the budgeted amount. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 29% less than the amount budgeted for. The Multi Language Publication remittances were about 50% of the budgeted amount. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 32% lower than the amount budgeted for January, and the year to date.

Building Fund Update:

The mortgage loan balance as of January 2018 is \$1,147,237. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 1/31/18 was \$119,430, nearly enough to make additional principal payments. This balance is up about 9.7% from December.

New Business

-Possible Leadership Retreat Considering meeting in late April.

-Thursday night service schedule (Summer only?)—Elders sought feedback from the Council to Consider Memorial Day through Labor Day at the recommendation of the Board of Elders. THIS ITEM IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE ELDERS.

-Snowmobile traffic through woods. Can we use signage to help deter traffic as we may be responsible without having any signs posted. THIS ITEM IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY BUILDING & GROUNDS

-Confirmation Sunday—The elders sought feedback from Council regarding moving Confirmation off of Palm Sunday to another Sunday THIS ITEM IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW BY THE PASTORS AND ELDERS.

Next Council Meeting: (7pm; March 13, 2018)



PARISH NURSE NEWS

It is very apparent that our families, here at David's Star, value nurturing the spiritual health of our children through Christian education! What a blessing! We start to teach our children about the love of our Savior through programs like JAM (Jesus and Me) for our toddlers, preschool, grade school here at David's Star, high school at KML and then opportunities at MLC and now Wisconsin Lutheran College. **Do you know someone who might be interested in serving the Lord and His people in a health care profession?**

The Ladies Aid would like to invite students, parents, grandparents or any others to their March 8th Guest Night! They have invited Linnea Booher and possibly a student of the Wisconsin Lutheran College to talk about the WLC Nursing Program! The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at WLC is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, providing students with a Christian focused, liberal arts education coupled with a strong science foundation, a valuable combination within the health care field.

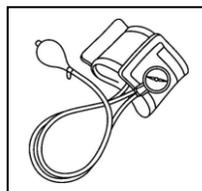
Grounded in the principles of servant leadership, WLC nursing students learn the art and science of professional nursing in a Christian setting. The Class of 2017 had a 100% job placement rate within four months of graduation and a 100% pass rate for first-time test takers of the NCLEX (required for licensure).

Perhaps you have noticed the WLC student nurses around our campus here at David's Star over the last 4 years? As part of their senior Community Health clinical experience they spend

time with our grade school children, helping with various health screenings, providing some health education and even making some nursing home/shut-in visits with me as they learn about parish nursing!

Feel free to join the Ladies Aid on March 8th at 7:00pm to learn about the WLC nursing program! The Ladies Aid has decided to support the Nursing Program at WLC with a donation to the WELSN/WLC Nursing Scholarship fund. Questions? Call me...

Blessings from our Great Physician,
Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485
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, April 22th
 - Sunday, June 24th
 - Sunday, July 22th
 - Sunday, September 23rd
 - Sunday, October 28th
 - Sunday, November 25th
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BIBLE HOUR NURSERY - Do you have kids that are too young for Sunday School, but you'd like to attend Bible Class in between services? We've got you covered! Feel free to drop your young children (ages 0-3) off in the nursery. The nursery is located in the choir room. Follow the Kindergarten hallway all the way down, take a left and the choir room the first classroom on the right hand side. If you are willing to help staff the nursery, please contact Jen Mueller. (414)331-5347.

GREETERS are needed to welcome fellow church members and visitors to Sunday worship. Qualifications needed: a warm, friendly smile and hand shake. Greeting begins 15 minutes before each Sunday service. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathryn Smith (677-2173) or Linda Pless (677-2109). You may sign up on-line by going to our church's web site and clicking on volunteer opportunities or by contacting Kathryn or Linda.

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP-HELP IS

NEEDED! Between services is a wonderful time to visit with each other. Coffee, tea and snacks are generously donated by church members. There is a sign-up sheet available, on the snack table, for you to choose a Sunday to bring treats. Due to possible food allergies, finger food without nut products are preferred. If there are nuts in the product, please make a note indicating so.

There are a couple members who volunteer their time in cleaning up after fellowship. Help is needed. Clean up takes about 10 minutes. If you would be interested in helping to clean up or have any questions regarding our fellowship time, feel free to contact Chris Schmidt (377-5086) or Linda Pless (677-2109).

LADIES AID is inviting you to come along and see the play, "Ring Round the Moon" at Wisconsin Lutheran College, on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30pm. No wheelchair tickets are available. This play is filled with characters who are in love, trying to get out of love, manipulating the love of others, and/or offering their observations on the subject. If you are interested, please contact Lynne Tews, 414-581-2051, or foneman45@prodigy.net. We will meet at David's Star by the gym entrance at 1:15pm to carpool to the play. Deadline for tickets is April 1st.

LOT FOR SALE - A 1.167 acre partially wooded lot has been donated to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and our Building Connections project. This buildable parcel will be sold by a sealed bid auction. The minimum bid is \$60,000.00 and the highest bidder over that price will be awarded the parcel. The winning bidder will be contacted by the church after March 26, 2018 and is responsible to provide financing.

Please go to the Good Shepherd website www.goodshepherdwels.org and click on the Colleen Lane link to fill out and download the bid forms. The forms should be mailed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ATTN: Sealed Bid, no later than March 24, 2018. For additional information, contact Mark Frank, Congregation Chairman at [414-526-1070](tel:414-526-1070)