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Keeping the Month of May Merry

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May has historically been the month of joy and anticipation, described by the old children's song, *the merry, merry month of May*. The end of school is in sight, children get antsy to get outside and play ball or pick dandelions for mommy. Could anything dampen the energy that wells up in the human soul with the joys of spring and the coming of summer?

Indeed, what could possibly ruin a month where mothers are celebrated, graduations happen as well as confirmations in many of our churches, summer baseball and softball leagues form with practice times etched on our calendars. Spring ball and track practices and meets demand commitment, plays and concerts with their practice commitments demand calendar space, the fishing season starts, cabins are opened up? Whew! When did May calendars become overstuffed grids of mayhem? May is seriously challenging December as the busiest month of the year, and has for many become the stressful, stressful month of May.

Crazy calendars and chasing the joys of life always results in anxious hearts and stressed out families. Relationships begin to weaken with no time allowed to connect and recharge our love and friendship. More than one commitment demands the same block of time. Will selfish motive wisdom drive our scheduling decisions? Pouring ourselves into our own activities or our children's activities becomes far preferable to spending time with a stressed out spouse. Perhaps May is a good month if keeping ourselves busy seems to be the best way to avoid conflict. No, when selfish motive or painful hearts motivate why we do what we do, not even May will be merry.

Let's get back to how we spend our time. Remember that all time not spent for making a

living is discretionary time. So, use discretion when you decide how to spend it. You may find that time spent restoring and strengthening relationships is the best way to restore merry to the month of May. Especially when we focus on the most important relationships first. You know they have studies that demonstrate that people are happier and families stronger when they worship regularly. Most, if not all of us are saying, "You wouldn't have had to spend so much money and time on a study. I could have told you that." We have learned from experience that time in worship gives joy to the heart and strengthens our relationship first to God and then to one another. We may well have learned that the opposite is also true. Staying away from worship directly correlates to frustration and dissatisfaction with life, family and people in general.

Let's give honor and glory to the one who makes that true. You who come to worship God who created you, who set you free from your sin by his bloody sacrifice on the cross, and whose power gave you faith to believe in him--you receive God's refreshing love all over again. Your selfishness loses its grip and falls away from your heart. Your relationship to God strengthens with overwhelming gratitude. Your relationship to those God has given you in your life is restored with your faith born words and acts of kindness and love. All of the merry comes back.

It's May. But is it the merry month of May? That depends on how you fill your calendar. Take the time to block out, with indelible ink, worship time with your God, with friends and family. Use your discretion when deciding how to use your time as other things encroach on your worship space, both on Sundays and every day of the week. Through worship, reclaim the merry, merry month of May.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

- Eleanor Gronemeyer (5/8)
- Janet Kannenberg (5/19)
- Bernice Johnson (5/23)
- Ruth Laverenz (5/26)
- Lorain Kison (5/29)
- Rudy Zarling (5/31)
- Al Laverenz (5/31)

May 2018 GREETERS

May 6 th	7:45am	Tony & Lynn Gromacki
	10:15am	Pam Lee
May 13 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	Dennis & Marlene Bell
May 20 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
May 27 th	7:45am	n/a
	9:30am	Andrew & Amy Loescher

SPRING/SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Our summer schedule begins on **Thursday, May 24th** with the addition of weekly 7:00pm worship services. Also, beginning **Sunday May 27th**, the start of our second service will move to **9:30am**. This schedule will continue through the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 2nd). Please note that our weekly Sat. evening 5:00pm & Sun. morning 7:45am services remain the same.

175th SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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.

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**

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!



ARBOR NIGHT - Join us Monday, **May 14th** (4:00pm until dark). Rain date will be Wednesday, May 16th. The Ladies' Aid will be serving supper in the

concessions after the work is completed. We need all hands on deck to help tidy up the grounds around the campus. Please bring rakes, chain saws, skid steers and plenty of muscle. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn Miller 414.477.8769.



LADIES' AID SPRING PLANT SALE!

\$25.00 gift certificates orders from Groth's Country Gardens will be available for purchase in the gathering space until **May 21st**, and also available in the church office. The certificates make great Mother's Day gifts, and are valid on annuals/perennials/vegetables. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help fund church improvements. Thank you for supporting Ladies' Aid!

VOICE LESSONS - This summer, Joey Loescher is offering voice lessons for ages 10 and up. Lessons are \$10 each and take place in the church balcony. Parents are always welcome to attend lessons and scheduling is flexible to allow for busy summer plans. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Joey Loescher by email (loeschjd@mlc-wels.edu) or call/text ([262-674-4328](tel:262-674-4328)).

**175TH ANNIVERSARY FACTS
DID YOU KNOW?**

The name for our congregation was inspired by a hymn from a Pomeranian hymnal, #1073.

*My heart with gladness opens far For
God's own Son, the **David's Star**,
God's long-expected Promise. Thou
Shiloh, Shepherd, Source of Grace,
True God made flesh to take my place,
Who with Salvation cometh.*

On Palm Sunday, 1848 the original church building on the current property was dedicated and this hymn was sung (in German). Pastor Kindermann suggested our name based on this song.

CALL NEWS - Dear Pastors, Mr. Gustafson, and members of David's Star: I received a call from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church and School in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The call is to teach 4th grade, direct vocal choirs, play organ, and other music duties yet to be determined. I am humbled by the opportunity to consider this new call to serve God's people in Waukesha and reflect on how God has blessed my time here at David's Star. Please join me in praying for God's guidance to determine where I may serve him best.

Serving the Savior,
Kris Eggers

THANK YOU - Pizza for Play was a huge success, raising approximately \$4500 for upgrades to our lower playground. The Parent's Group is working hard with Mrs. Bintz and other key players to add some age-appropriate natural play elements to our playground area. This will be a much needed enhancement to that area. Thanks be to God for blessing our school through your generosity!

PART TIME MORNING CHILDCARE POSITION

David's Star Lutheran School Child Care Program (MALE OR FEMALE must be 18 or older)

Days: Monday – Friday 6:45-8:15am - *when school is in session.*

Pay: \$10.00 per hour

Duties Include: Helping with homework, supervising play and activities. Please contact Eunice Washburn: 262-305-4622

ewashburn@hotmail.com or
Bridgett Munn: 262-397-6442
childcare@davidstar.org

**DS CHILDCARE PROGRAM SUBSTITUTE
CHILDCARE PROVIDERS**

We are looking for individuals who are willing to be on a substitute list for either Morning or After School Care.

Please contact Eunice Washburn: 262-305-4622
ewashburn@hotmail.com or Bridgett Munn:
262-397-6442 - childcare@davidstar.org

**COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF
THE APRIL COUNCIL MEETING**

Members in attendance: Pastor Loescher, Pastor Woldt, Mark Ahrens, Todd Backus, Josh Boeldt, Dan Bolha, Tim Gustafson, Jon Kruse, Andrew Loescher, Glenn Miller, Jason Walz,

Excused: Paul Steinbrenner, David Zarling

The meeting was called to order by Todd Backus at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Loescher.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2018. Motion carried.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: None

Outgoing: Vogel, Oliver *Released from membership*

Pastors' Report (Pastor Woldt)

The pastors attended the spring meeting of the Kettle Moraine Conference at Peace, Hartford today (Apr 10). These conferences are important for professional growth and mutual encouragement of those serving in the pastoral ministry. We also receive information about gospel ministry taking place within our fellowship. A few people are nearing the end of Bible Information Class and may be ready to join our fellowship. One adult baptism is anticipated. What a blessing when others come to know the peace they have in Jesus!

Board for Education (Jason Walz)

Mrs. Eggers has received a call. Members are encouraged to provide her with feedback regarding her ministry at David's Star.

Board of Elders (Dan Bolha)

Order of service and bulletins are being electronically supplied each week now.

Evangelism Committee (Andrew Loescher)

Easter egg hunt went well, with 118 attending. 1 request for information and another provided contact information.

Spiritual Growth Committee (Jon Kruse)

Pastor Pless has started his Bible study. Follow-up to budget request for youth group. Need to do more for that area of our ministry. Would like to exceed budget by \$2000 for this year to provide funding for the youth group to assist with the youth rally.

A motion was made and seconded to overspend the Spiritual Growth budget by \$2000 for the Youth Ministry line item. Motion carried.

Anniversary Committee (Pastor Woldt)

Committee has met and will be addressing the congregation regarding the offering and providing an update.

Treasurer's Report (Joshua Boeldt)

March Operating Budget Update

Praise be to our risen Lord! The total offerings for March were \$64,451, which is about 4.9% lower than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was about 7% lower than budgeted and is about 3.3% higher than the budget for the year to date. The actual expenses for March were about 0.7% higher than the budgeted amount and are slightly less than 1% higher than the budget for the year to date. Looking at the chart below, the actual change for the month was \$6,631 worse than the anticipated budgeted change for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of March shows a deficit of \$16,524.

March Ministries Beyond our Congregation

The remittances in March for the WELS mission were 11% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 10.2% lower than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 8.7% less than the amount budgeted for. The Multi Language Publication remittances were about 25% lower than the budgeted amount. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 10.2% lower than the amount budgeted for March, and is 14% lower year to date.

March Building Fund Update

The mortgage loan balance at the end of March is \$1,124,643. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 3/31/18 was \$123,489, which is not quite enough to allow us to make an additional principal payment. This balance is down about 2.7% from February.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the reports. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to support inviting Governor Walker to attend the picnic to issue an Anniversary Proclamation from the State of Wisconsin. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: (7pm; May 15, 2018)



PARISH NURSE NEWS

"New Beginnings - Change for Life" Baby Bottle Program

In honor of our Christian mothers and fathers, given to us by a gracious God, the parish nurses at David's Star will sponsor another **"Change for Life"** baby bottle fund drive! On May 13th, Mother's Day, baby bottles will be available in the new Gathering Space for you to take home and fill with your loose change, cash or even a check that will go to support "New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers", a ministry sponsored by Christian Life Resources. The mission of "New Beginnings" is to help a single mother with God's Word to grow spiritually, make God pleasing decisions, be a responsible citizen in society, and be a competent and loving Christian parent.

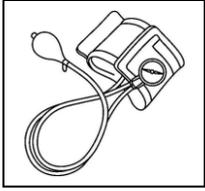
New Beginnings offers the single mother a chance at independence by living in her own apartment, while she also becomes part of a larger family. Guidance by the staff and outside sources help the mothers adjust and grow in the many skills needed to transition into a healthy thriving home of their own. Won't you please prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity? Each year that David's Star has participated our support of the ministry has increased! Return your baby bottles on or before Father's Day but if you forget... just bring them the next time you come to the Gathering Space or the Health Office. Thank-you in advance, for faithfully and generously supporting this Ministry! Dan and I will bring our baby bottle in loving memory of both of our parents who are now enjoying heaven! We are thankful that they raised us in the nurture and admonition of our Lord, Jesus Christ! God's plan for us as families is good. Thanks be to God! Please consider helping to support single parent families at "New Beginnings" who are trying to do the same for their children.

Blessings from our Great Physician,

Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485
parishnurse@davidstar.org

PS: Washington County Caregiver Coalition is offering a **"Confident Caregiver Conference"** on May 23rd at Moraine Park Technical College. More info on the Health Office window ledge or call Mona at the ADRC of Washington County, 262-335-4497. Registration deadline is May 16th.

you are out of town or out of State! \$25 individual or \$60 family. Details and Registration at www.Life-A-Thon.org or call 414-727-8176.



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, June 24th
Sunday, July 22th
Sunday, September 23rd
Sunday, October 28th
Sunday, November 25th

RETIREMENT RECEPTION - On Sunday, May 27 in between services a reception in honor of Mrs. Washburn's retirement will be held. Mrs. Washburn has served for 44 years in the teaching ministry with the last 22 years at David's Star. If you would like to give a gift to Mrs. Washburn, a card box will be available on Sunday, May 27 and Sunday, June 3. Please join us for light refreshments, so we can acknowledge Mrs. Washburn's service in the ministry.

BIBLE HOUR NURSERY - is available for children ages 0-3. 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.

SAVE THE DATE! The WELS Women's Ministry Conference will be held **July 18-20, 2019** at **Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI**. This triennial conference nurtures, encourages and equips women who are motivated by God's Word to use their gifts and talents for service in God's kingdom. Look for information on the conference speakers, topics, and resources in the monthly mailing and on Facebook. We can't wait to grow with you!

WALK OR RUN FOR LIFE: Saturday, May 12, 2018 Join other pro-lifers for the Life-A-Thon to benefit WELS Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical center ministry. Get friends together, raise funds for prizes, and help save lives! Competitive 5k and a Kid's Lifesaver Quarter Mile Dash at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary! Walk or run with everyone else, on your own, "virtually," or carry out your own mini-Life-A-Thon event if

KMLES BAND PROGRAM - The Elementary School Band Program offered by KML will soon begin online registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents and current fourth through seventh grade students who wish to learn more about the program and our free summer band camps are invited to attend one of two informational meetings on Sunday, April 29, at 2:00 PM and Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 PM at KML. For more information, please contact Mr. Nate Amundson (nate.amundson@kmlhs.org), Director of Elementary School Bands, or visit www.kmlhs.org/kmlbands.
