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## **Making Radical Changes**

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Often people associate change with bad things. Especially when we are comfortable with the way things are. We like things the way we like them. We see no reason to change. That is, until we see a reason to change. Then we may have no option.

Jerry's whole life had changed. He was eating differently now. He never used to eat vegetables unless you count carrot cake. Now he always has veggies at dinner. Variety in his diet consisted of different cuts of red meat and potatoes prepared in a variety of different ways, now it's a lot more chicken and fish (baked, not fried). Walking from the car to the house was plenty exercise for him. Walking for miles without anywhere to go was fine for some people, but he couldn't see the point of it. Now he's up to three miles a day. His evening used to be filled with the excitement of nodding off in his Lazyboy until the news was over or until he woke up again. Now he is in bed by 9 or 10. He liked his life the way it was and wasn't interested in making any changes until he experienced a radical change in health. A heart attack is itself a radical change.

A heart change is often necessary, but it doesn't have to be a heart attack. It can be a heart that is driven with confusion of not knowing God changing to one that is warmed to his unfailing love and kindness. Martin Luther's heart was once dark and confused. His heart was trained to think of God as a wrathful Judge. Every time he heard "the righteousness of God" he thought of a holy perfect God full of wrath for us who fall far short of his holiness. He had a bias about God that he could never shake. But the Holy Spirit attacked his heart with the Gospel. By diligent, though fretful, study of God's Word, the Spirit broke through with the understanding that "the Righteousness of God" meant the holiness that God has credited to us from Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

That was a radical change for him. He went from a heart driven by fear to please God to a heart driven by gratitude. The good news of salvation through Jesus came clear, and he had to make it clear to others. Because he was in a position to teach theology at Wittenberg University, he had a perfect platform to preach, teach and communicate through his writings the pure Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

That change of heart brought on radical change throughout Europe. The church was seen differently. When the Good news of Jesus breaks out into the community of the church, the wrong teachings of the church are exposed. Some of the wrong practices of the church were discarded, like doing penance, which is making satisfaction for your own sins. Hearts that had been confused were now freed by the gift of God.

The Holy Scriptures rather than fallible men were seen as the authority of the church. God's children actually participated in worship. Not only the Bible but also the worship liturgy was written in the language of the people so that they could understand. Hymns were written. Worship was done by the people instead of by the priest for the people. They received the sacrament with joy rather than superstition. The body and blood of Jesus came to them in the bread and wine to assure them of God's free forgiveness for their sins. What a radical change from receiving only the body of Christ as a way to earn time off purgatory. Their lives became lives of repentance and forgiveness rather than lives of penance and fear.

Reformation is about radical change not just in the church but also in our hearts. Our sinful hearts like to stay the way they are, but radical change is always necessary. Confess our sins before God and receive his tender mercy.

*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise (Psalm 51:17).*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

Kathryn Smith (11/1)  
Oscar Rathke (11/8)

#### NOVEMBER 2018 GREETERS

November 4	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
November 11	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
November 18	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	Joel & Carrie Hinz
November 25	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a

**WALKING GROUP** - All are welcome to walk with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am-9:00am. Feel free to come when you can and leave when you need to. Walking will continue in the gym and outdoors when the weather permits. Please Park in the South lot.

**DEER HUNTER'S SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



**THANKSGIVING EVE** service will be Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. **THANKSGIVING DAY** services are Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 AM and 9:30 AM.



**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES** Since stores are filled with Christmas merchandise already, you might plan ahead too by putting our midweek **Advent Services** on your calendar – 3:45 and 7:00 PM on December 5, 12, and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**LADIES' AID** meets on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the multi-purpose room. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us for a short business meeting followed by fellowship and snacks. Any questions, please contact Lynne Tews at 414.581.2051

#### TREE OF LOVE



We will have the opportunity to share our blessings with those in need the month of November. Once again, the Tree of Love will be located in the narthex area beginning Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each year we try to make the holidays a bit happier for the Northside and Southside Ministries in Milwaukee. There are a few changes to their requests this year.

Northside Ministries assists 30-35 families. The children are growing. You will notice many more tags for girls than boys - and will find the need for 9-13 yr. olds more than 2-3 yrs. If you would like to participate, please take a tag or multiple tags from the tree and bring your gifts to church no later than Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>. Attach the tag to the outside of the box. Northside is asking gifts be unwrapped or in a Christmas designed box. Southside Ministries is asking for donations of hats, mittens, scarfs, and fleece blankets this year rather than individual gifts due to the large need. Southside would like these items to be delivered on Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup> (a few days earlier than Northside). There will be boxes under the Tree of Love for these donations. If you have questions, contact Linda Liesener at 262-677-3844. Thank you for your kindness.

#### 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FACTS DID YOU KNOW?

For many years, the church steeple was topped with a copper rooster weather vane. This unique feature caused some locals to refer to David's Star as the Rooster Church. In 1952 it was authorized to replace the old copper rooster with a lighted cross on top of the steeple. According to the internet, roosters atop churches isn't all that rare, particularly in Europe. A traditional reason for the rooster is to point to other fowl which crowed when Peter denied knowing his Savior.



#### Living Nativity December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Come and join us at the Cedarburg Creek Farm (649 Hwy 60 – Cedarburg) for the story of the beautiful mystery of the birth of God into humanity to save the human race. We will hold a live story telling from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the story being told every half hour. Enjoy the story as well as complimentary hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies. Spread the word! Invite your family friends and neighbors.



#### LIVING NATIVITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Many hands are needed on **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8 PM at Cedarburg Creek Farm to help make this year's Living Nativity a success! Areas of help include: set-up, characters, parking, take down. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space, or call or text Andrew Loescher at 989.996.5076.

## **COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming: None

Outgoing: Nicholas Brazell

*Transfer to Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI*

### **Pastors' Report**

The seminary symposium was a worthwhile continuing education experience for both pastors. We look forward to our pastoral conference next week. Thanks for being willing to change the council date to accommodate our attendance. Two students currently attending public school student confirmation class. Periodic brief children's devotions to continue at beginning of non-communion services. We will be seeking honest feedback. Grief support group and home bible study groups continue to serve members seeking those opportunities. We are slowly ramping up efforts to personally contact people who have been absent from worship. We encourage all congregational leaders and members to lovingly reach out to people in their circle of acquaintances whom they haven't seen at church in a while.

### **Presidents Report (Paul Steinbrenner)**

Still completing photo directory. Goal is to have them completed by Christmas. There were about 220 families who had their picture taken.

### **Anniversary Committee**

Historical booklet is being printed, with an addition to the 150th booklet. The booklets are nice to have around for new members to give them a history of David's Star. Cost was around \$4 per booklet. October 14th catered meal expected to cost around \$5,000. Some artifacts will come done from the attic. There are about 331 planning to attend the catered meal.

### **Buildings and Grounds (Glenn Miller)**

Waiting for a proposal regarding the thinning of the Church woods. The State notified the school that we were the recipient of the safety grant of nearly \$10,000. There are some garter snakes coming in the South entrance. Next B & G meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### **Board of Education (Jason Walz)**

Considering to partner with another WELS/ELS non-choice congregation to have an audit committee review our financial books on an annual basis as a best practice. Should we consider having standard

procedures in place for performing an audit to have consistent practices? Council would like to have an investigative committee gather information regarding other congregations and see if they have a similar interest as well. Bethlehem had interest in this in the past. Tim and Josh will take the lead regarding this topic.

### **Evangelism Committee (Andrew Loescher)**

The Living Nativity planning will be starting in the next week or two.

### **Stewardship Committee (David Zarlino)**

Updating envelopes with line numbers to make it easier for the counters to direct offerings. Financial budgeting reports will be coming out soon. Hopefully there will be budget reviews started by November for discussion in December.

### **Spiritual Growth Committee (Jon Kruse)**

Bible studies started. Thursday night Bible study have about 7-10 attending.

### **Treasurer Report (Joshua Boeldt)**

Mortgage balance will be under \$1 million next month. Synod and KML offerings are down, which is concerning. It would be ideal to have KML provide a listing of David's Star members donations to KML to get a better understanding of actual donations.

#### *September Operating Budget*

Praise be to the Lord, the Almighty! The total offerings for September were \$71,689, which is about 4.5% higher than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was 0.7% lower than budgeted and is about 0.5% lower than the budget for the year to date. The actual expenses for September were about 2.3% higher than the budgeted amount and are nearly the same as the budget for the year to date. Looking at the chart below, the actual change for the month was \$2,590 worse than the anticipated budgeted change for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of September shows a deficit of \$64,651.

#### *September Ministries Beyond our Congregation*

The remittances in September for the WELS mission were 1.5% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were 9.5% lower than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were 39% lower than the amount budgeted for. The Multi Language Publication remittances were just under half the budgeted amount.

The total amount remitted for all missions was about 5% lower than the amount budgeted for September, and is 8.9% lower year to date.

### *September Building Fund*

The mortgage loan balance at the end of September is \$1,002,785. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 9/30/18 was \$100,047. An extra principal payment of \$4,500 was made in September.

### **Old Business**

Congregational Commitment to KMLHS "Blessed Beyond Belief" Capital Campaign: KML wants a commitment by 12-31-2018. Consider special offering envelopes and/or add to the 2019 budget? Look for recommendation at November Council meeting.

Facility usage policy. Need to send email to the Athletic Director letting him know the gymnasium is being used. Also need a responsible member adult in attendance. A motion was made and seconded to pass the Facility Usage policy. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Since we eliminated the 4 quarterly voter's meetings and we committed to have informational meetings during the year, it would be ideal to hold a meeting as we have several topics to discuss and present. Plan to hold an informational meeting on the third Sunday in December between services.

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

Race Track or the Wade House historical site, heard a variety of speakers and attended breakout sessions learning a variety of things! It was announced that the various OWLS Chapters and individuals gathered and donated upwards of \$52,000 toward the European Civilian Chaplaincy this year! It is our privilege to support that ministry and we thank the members of David's Star who participated in that!

I would like to encourage all of our seniors to join the local David's Star OWLS Chapter! God has plans for us that are good! We may be running a bit slower during these last few laps of our race here on this earth but there is still much work that we can do. We serve the Lord locally with projects here at church or nationally through the European Civilian Chaplaincy. And along the way, we encourage and enjoy one another!

Let us pray, praise and give thanks!

Your sister in Christ, Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485

[parishnurse@davidstar.org](mailto:parishnurse@davidstar.org)

### **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### **A LETTER RECEIVED**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Rejoice in the Lord always!"

I join you in giving thanks and praise to our gracious Lord for His boundless blessings on David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church during the past 175 years and I storm heaven asking the God of free and faithful grace to continue to shower His blessings on my home church for many years to come.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for providing me with a solid Christian education when I attended school there from 1960-1968.

God's Word that I learned in grade school has served me well as I serve the Lord in the public ministry. Thank you for giving me the education that has stood the test of time.

God's grace allowed me to be part of the 125<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class. There were 13 of us. Two have already entered the glory of heaven. I pray that the Holy Spirit keep us in the one true faith so that someday we, together, can sing our praises to our Living Lord and Savior in the glory of heaven.

As I mentioned in my 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sermon, there have been so many changes at David's Star, but one thing has always remained the same – the firm stand on God's Word.

### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**



### **Pray, Praise and Give Thanks!**

We are quickly moving into the holiday season and there will be many opportunities to do just that! The beautiful hymns of praise and thanksgiving from our final 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service still linger in my head. It is such a blessing to belong to David's Star where His precious Word is taught! God has blessed us mightily over the years!

Last week 11 members of David's Star traveled to the beautiful Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake for the Annual OWLS Convention to worship, serve and fellowship with about 200 other WELS seniors from all over the country. We worshipped together with the Winnebago Lutheran Academy School Choir, blessing us with their beautiful voices! We toured the world famous Road America

For that I join you in giving thanks to the Lord. I pray that David's Star remain true to God's Word as you preach, teach, and share the saving Gospel.

I would have enjoyed celebrating with you, but God's grace has decided that I would live too far away. I serve two congregations – Bethany in North Fort Myers and Christ the King in Port Charlotte, Florida. If you visit Florida, please stop in. It is always a joy to visit with fellow saints from my home congregation.

On behalf of my wife, Carolyn, our family, and myself, we rejoice with you; give thanks to the Lord with you, and ask the Lord to continue His boundless blessings on you as you celebrate 175 years of God's grace and serve Him to the glory of His holy name.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Sincerely yours in the Living Savior,

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Confirmation Class of 1968

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### **CAMM Lutheran Mobile Clinic Letter from Malawi**

*Beth and I are very thankful for the encouragement and prayers we receive from all of you who support CAMM. There are others here who also need your prayers and support. They are our Malawian staff. These are the folks who are in the front line of our mission. They see our patients, provide medical care and expertise, provide health education and issue medications. In short they are the face of the Lutheran Mobile Clinic. We have a total of nine clinic staff, a Head Nurse, four nurse/midwives, a medical assistant, a Nutritionist, a Registrar and a Driver.*

*Gary Evans, Clinic Administrator*

*Here is a little introduction to our Malawian staff.*

**Miss Dambisa Jere -Head Nurse.** *When the clinic staff were asked who should be Head Nurse, they all chose Miss Jere. She has a great sense of humor, is hard working, an excellent nurse, a natural leader and a very good teacher. During clinic, our normally soft spoken Miss Jere can be heard loud and clear when she sees something she doesn't like.*

**Mrs Alice Chisutu – Nurse/Midwife.** *Mrs Chisutu is one of our most experienced Nurses, she has a wonderful touch with our under five patients and with her community health background, handles most of our HIV related patients. Mrs Chisutu also has a great sense of humor and it's normally her and Miss Jere who get the laughter going in the back of the ambulance on the ride home from Clinic.*

**Mrs Pennina Howa – Nurse/Midwife.** *Mrs Howa is also a very experienced nurse. She is skilled in all of our clinic area and also has a background in psychiatric nursing. She recently taught a class at the Lutheran*

*Church of Central Africa Youth rally on depression. Mrs Howa is quiet and generally lets other do the talking, but when she speaks she is worth listening to. Mrs Howa is Beth's new hero, yesterday she discovered a pregnant woman who was in labor and told Beth that the patient should immediately be taken to the local health center. The patient and Mrs Howa were promptly dispatched and the baby was delivered in the back of the ambulance three minutes after arriving at the Chiwamba Health Center.*

**Miss Madalitso Kaphalanya – Nurse/midwife.** *Mada has her Bachelor's degree in Nursing and is at the early stages of her Master's degree. She has been with LMC for about 4 years. Mada is a fun, competent young nurse who goes about her business with little fuss or bother. Mada will be married on October 6. We wish her all God's blessings.*

**Miss Violet Chikwatu - Nurse/Midwife.** *Violet is our only nurse who is a member of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa. She received the Althea Sauer scholarship and earned her Bachelor's degree earlier this year. She joined us in March and is learning all of the work involved at LMC. Violet is still a little nervous about teaching, but meets all her other challenges head on and is showing herself to be a fine young nurse and team member.*

**Miss Jean Kanyemba - Nutritionist.** *Jean is the consummate professional. She manages all of our nutrition activities including coordinating with the World Food Program. When not busy with nutrition, Jean can be found anywhere another staff member needs help. Jean recently received her bachelor's degree in social work.*

**Mrs Thokozani Nkwazi – Medical Assistant.** *Thoko is our resident diagnostician and sees nearly all of our outpatients. Thoko can be a bit loud and outspoken but she is always advocating for her patients or for the staff. It was Thoko who started us down the road of improving our triage procedures.*

*Thoko is married with two children, and is working on her Master's Degree in Health Administration.*

**Mr. Lozias Sinoya – Registrar.** *As Registrar, Lozias manages the administrative side of the clinic day: registering patients, taking in fees, paying out locums and HSA's, and selling health passports. Lozias is Mr. Dependable. He is an LCCA member who lives at Msambo Village where we have a clinic and is an Elder with the Congregation.*

**Mr Batson Supu - Driver.** *Calling Mr Supu a simply driver is an understatement, as he also manages all of our malaria testing and is in charge of clinic maintenance and minor building projects.*

*It was Mr Supu who arranged the construction of the recent additions at our clinics and the new nutrition hut at Mwalaulomwe. Mr Supu is an excellent driver, a skill attested to by Beth, who has ridden in the back of the ambulance on a few emergency runs (full lights and sirens) to Kamuzu Central Hospital*

*We are blessed to have such a talented group working with us. Please remember them in your prayers.*

To learn more about CAMM, please contact Linda Liesener at [camcontact@charter.net](mailto:camcontact@charter.net) or 262.677.3844