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"A Lesson from the Reformation"

by Pastor Michael Woldt

Each year on October 31st, Lutherans pause to observe an event that receives little attention from anyone else – the Lutheran Reformation. On October 31st, a German monk named Martin Luther posted ninety-five statements for debate on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. These statements challenged the buying and selling of indulgences by the church of Luther's day. Indulgences were said to give people relief from some of the punishment they would have to suffer for their sins. Luther, however, had discovered from his own reading of Scripture that forgiveness of sins was not a commodity to be sold or marketed. Rather, forgiveness of sins was a free gift from God, purchased by the blood of Jesus.

How could the church of Luther's day fallen so far from the truth? How could the people be so gullible as to believe that God's forgiveness could be purchased with a sum of money? And what about all the other troubles Luther began to see in the church five hundred years ago: the veneration of relics and saints; viewing Holy Communion as a good work or sacrifice that we do for God, rather than God's gift to us; the monastic system that tried to achieve a greater holiness by following human rules? The list could go on.

How had the church fallen so far from the truth? The church, pastors and people alike, were not paying attention to the Word of God. One of the greatest blessings that God gave to the church through Martin Luther was a Bible in the language of the people. Luther translated the pages of the Old and New Testaments into German. Now the people wouldn't have to depend on anyone else to tell them what the Bible said. They could read God's Word for themselves. Like the Bereans in the apostle Paul's day, people could go back and check if everything they were being taught by their church was true.

The devil sees an opening for attack whenever and wherever God's Word is

neglected. This month the students in our bible classes for children on Sundays are learning about Old Testament people like Josiah and Ezra. Do you remember their stories? Josiah was one of Judah's kings. He began ruling at the age of eight. When he was a young man, a copy of the Book of the Law (writings of Moses) was discovered in the temple. When the Word of God was read to Josiah, he tore his robe and wept because he realized that he and the people were not living and worshipping according to the will of God. Josiah instituted reforms to change spiritual life in Israel. Unfortunately, those reforms did not last very long. (See 2 Kings 22, 23).

Ezra was a priest who lived and worked during the time Nehemiah was leading an effort to rebuild Jerusalem's walls, which had been destroyed by the Babylonians. Ezra read the Word of God to the people. Levites helped translate and explain that Word to people who didn't understand. And again, the people wept because they saw how far they had drifted from what God required of them. However, the people were encouraged not to grieve, but to celebrate with joy ... because the Lord had revealed himself as a gracious God who called these very people to be his own. What the people heard that day was a message of law and gospel, a message of sin and grace! They heard the same message we hear Sunday after Sunday in public worship. (See Nehemiah 8).

Pray God that our congregation and synod will never need the type of reformation that took place in the days of Josiah or Ezra or Luther. Pray that we never neglect God's Word that completely. However, it remains true that each and every one of us needs a personal reformation each and every day. We need to go back to God's Word, see our sins and then rejoice in the salvation we have in Jesus! Let's never lose that lesson of the Reformation!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENIORS

Leola Herther...81 yrs. old...10/1/1933
 Audrey Prange...88 yrs. old...10/2/1926
 Gene Graff...85 yrs. old...10/8/1929
 William Loeffler...85 yrs. old...10/10/1929
 Pastor Martin Janke...85 yrs. old...10/12/1929
 Gene Maciejewski...90 yrs. old...10/22/1924



SEPTEMBER 2014 GREETERS

October 5, 2014 7:45 Steve & Kathy Bintz family
 10:15 Paul & Sharon Weis

October 12, 2014 7:45 Dave & Von Martin
 10:15 Kevin & Holie Abitz

October 19, 2014 7:45 Joel & Linda Pless
 10:15 Frank & Barb Dohwardt

October 26, 2014 7:45 Diane Hafemeister &
 Susan Daley
 10:15 Patrick & Lynet Steele

LWMS FALL RALLY All women of David's Star are invited to the Fall Rally at the Lutheran Woman's Missionary Society. Join us Saturday, October 25 from 8 AM to noon at Risen Savior Lutheran Church, 9550 W. Brown Deer Rd., Milwaukee. Start the day with breakfast and registration at 8 AM, followed by worship, and a mission presentation from Pastor Luis Acosta on Risen Savior's Hispanic ministry. For more information contact Linda Klein, [262-388-2926](tel:262-388-2926).

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30. It is always uplifting and encouraging to be in God's Word together. We hope you can come. God's Word gives us great joy, strength and comfort, for every day. With questions call Beth Steinbrenner at 262.685.7420 or e-mail me at pbandkids@yahoo.com. Our focus will be on Psalm 23, John 10 and a book titled "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23." Bring your bibles and hymnals for our opening study. Hope to see you there!

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.

BARNABAS

is the name of our small group bible studies. We took that name from an early disciple who was given that nickname because he was such an encourager. Our small group home bible studies are also intended for the encouragement of one another. The groups are on-going, but anytime is a good time to get involved in a group. Call or email Pastor Loescher if you'd like to get involved 677.0919 or kurt.loescher@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am.

FRIDAY MORNING DROP-OFF BIBLE CLASS

When you come to David's Star to drop off your children on Friday Mornings, stay a few minutes longer and discuss the truths of the Holy Scriptures and pray with other parents. Come in your work clothes, work-out clothes, even your pjs if you have to. No make-up? Unshaven? Uncombed hair? It's all good. You're dropping off your children, there are no high expectations. There will be the Holy Word of God and good encouragement to start off your day. If you have a toddler at your side, no problem—bring him or her along. We are all parents, we can cope with children in the room. This informal, start off your day Bible study will begin next Friday, September 5 from 8:30 to 8:50. Bring a bible, your own coffee, tea or whatever you drink to start your day.

WANTED A few good people to join the Communion Committee to help set up and take down altar ware for communion services. No experience required. We have awesome people who would love to have you shadow them and show you everything there is to know. No huge time commitment required, our volunteers assist with communion services an average of three services per year, either setting up before or cleaning up after the service. No speech-giving or cooking required, either! What IS required? A warm heart and a willing spirit!

Please contact Leah at 414.614.0453 or email schneider228@netzero.com and find out more.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES Please remember to pick up your pictorial directory in the new gathering space. Pictorial insert available of some of our new members since 2012. These inserts are on the table next to the directories in the gathering space.

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
September 16, 2014**

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Dennis Bell, Mike Willis, Tim Gustafson, Pastor Loescher, Randy Matter, Dan Bolha, Brian Lee, Jim Korthals

Absent: Kurt Henning, Keith Rusch, Brandon Lehman, Andy Loeffler

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 minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 2014.

**Committee Reports
Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming: Gooden, Veronica
Transfer from St. Paul, Muskego, WI
Hall, Jean
*Transfer from St. Matthew's,
Port Washington, WI*
Bacigalupo nata Schuster, Sheri;
Bethany, Gwendolyn
Profession of faith

Outgoing: Schowalter, Ray
Release from membership

**Pastors' Report
Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
kloescher@davidstar.org &
Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
woldt@nconnect.net**

The pastors participated in "Pastor's Day" at KML and met briefly with the 45 David's Star students attending there. A fairly large percentage of students expressed interest in reviving a teen group here. We're hoping to build on that interest in ways that will serve the teens well. Pastor Loescher is taking the lead in these efforts. We also want to keep connected to students not attending KML. In the coming days, Pastor Woldt will be gone for a few days for governing board meetings at MLC in New Ulm, MN, and he will also travel to Michigan for a Board for Ministerial Education meeting on the campus of Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, MI. Both pastors will be attending pastoral conference on October 7th and 8th.

**President's Report
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
brianandpam1@att.net**

It is time to start thinking about the 2015 budget. Based on the present difference between offerings and expenses, this budget may be more challenging than a year ago. It also time to start thinking about nominations for various offices on the church council and committees. There was also discussion about how we might even out the transition as we move from three year to two year terms. Finally, there is nothing new to report on the subpoena connected with the oil line break in the area.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797
klhhrconst@gmail.com**

No report.

**Board for Elementary Education
Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com
Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org**

Enrollment stands at 128. It was reported that \$6500 in tuition assistance was distributed to 13 students with each receiving \$500. The lift next to the gymnasium has been repaired. Jeff McCoy has joined the board.

**Board of Elders
Dennis Bell, 262.677.2248
dandmbell55@yahoo.com**

Kris Eggers attended the Worship Conference. She received a computer program to assist in worship planning. The Called Worker Care Committee has been meeting with the called workers and is about half done. The rest should be visited during the month of September. KML tuition assistance was distributed to six students who are members of David's Star. They each received \$500. The elders have been working with the Technology Committee on the details necessary to make "Live Streaming" of our services possible. As a test, a service has been made available on the web. It can be found at Livestream.com.

**Evangelism Committee
Brandon Lehman, Telephone #262.894.6110
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No written report.

Stewardship Committee
Jim Korthals, Telephone # 262.242.8143
korthalj@wls.wels.net

The stewardship Bible classes are underway. The last of the three sessions will be held on September 21. The appeal to begin the budget process was repeated.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
2046home@gmail.com

With the conclusion of the stewardship bible class, there will be two bible classes available on Sunday morning. A study of Leviticus will be held in the church and a bible information class will be held in the multi-purpose room.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
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The printed report for August was presented. It was noted that offerings are down compared to one year ago. As a result, the YTD operating fund balance has a deficit in the amount of \$125,142.32. The YTD offerings to our WELS missions are currently at 92.94% of budget. The YTD offerings to the KMLHS operating fund are at 101.20% of budget. Bob Heider has accepted the position of bookkeeper. With the demolition of the Parish Center, it has been removed from our insurance package.

Vice President Report
(Dan Bolha, Telephone # 677-3485
dbolha@ymail.com)

Thank you to all those who helped with the Mission Festival.

A motion was made and carried to accept the reports.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

The Undesignated Gift Policy which distributes undesignated gifts when they exceed a specific amount is under review. Discussion will continue at the next church council meeting.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Respectively submitted,

James Korthals, secretary pro-tem



PARISH NURSE NEWS

Preparing for the Cold & Flu Season

The cold and flu season is on its way, so make plans to stock up on foods that are easy on your system as your body fights the illnesses. Obviously, no food can cure a cold or the flu, but some can bring more comfort than others.

For a Cold:

- The hot broth of **chicken noodle soup** warms your body and helps keep nasal passages moist, prevents dehydration, and fights inflammation in the throat.
- **Hot tea, hot water with lemon**, or **100% fruit pops** can soothe a sore throat and help you stay hydrated.

For the Flu:

- **Crackers and toast** are bland foods that are easy to digest.
- **Bananas** are easy to digest and are rich in potassium, which is often depleted during bouts of sweating, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Drinking **ginger tea** or **flat ginger ale** (to avoid disrupting the stomach with carbonation) can help keep you hydrated while soothing your nausea. Make sure the soda has real ginger in it, like Canada Dry.

Foods to Avoid:

- **Spicy foods** can help nasal congestion, but may cause stomach discomfort.
- Foods high in **sugar** suppress the immune system.
- Foods high in **fat** can be more difficult to digest.

Other Helpful Tips:

- Keep **low-sodium vegetable juice** on hand in case you do not feel like eating veggies. It provides antioxidants/vitamins and keeps you hydrated.
- Stick to regular eating schedules. When you are sick, the body needs more calories to function normally. That's because the body works harder when you are sick in order to fight an infection or a fever. Reducing calories may also make symptoms worse and lengthen the duration of the illness.
- Keep the **BRAT** diet in mind: **B**ananas, **R**ice, **A**pplesauce, and **T**oast. These are

