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## *“Luther’s Impact on the Life of the Church”*

The church that Martin Luther grew up in was a place of go-betweens. He was taught that if you wanted to be at peace with God, you needed go-betweens. God was far too angry over sin for the normal human being to go to him directly. So there existed a whole cadre of priests, monks, bishops, popes, and saints who needed to intercede on your behalf if you were ever to have peace with God.

What Luther rediscovered in Scripture was that the church is really an assembly of living saints who can go directly to God. Luther rediscovered in Scripture that Jesus has opened a way for ordinary people to go directly to God. Though raised to think he needed to go through intermediaries to appease God, Luther discovered that Jesus had given him total access to his heavenly Father.

With his newfound insight, Luther set out to transform the life of the church. Whereas worship had been a performance enacted by the priest and other worship leaders in the much-misunderstood Latin language, Luther transformed it so that the people could participate. He translated the services into the language of the people so that everyone could participate in the prayers and praises. He prepared the first hymnal in 1524, made up of just eight hymns. But the people could now sing them. He translated the Bible into the language of the people (the New Testament published in 1522, the Old Testament in 1534) not just so they could understand the lessons read in the services, but so that they could read the Word of God for themselves. To enable the children to understand the Word of God, he wrote two catechisms in 1529—the Small Catechism, worded so simply that children could memorize the six chief parts of Christian doctrine, and the Large Catechism, which was based on a series of sermons written on those six chief parts.

Luther’s transition from an intermediary church to a participating church called for involvement. His Small Catechism was not just intended for pastors and teachers to use in teaching children. Each part was introduced with the words, “As the head of the family should teach it in the simplest way to those in his household.” While the church of his boyhood encouraged action, too many of those actions were designed to enrich the powerful leaders of the church. Men and women were encouraged to become monks and nuns because it involved giving away all their money. People were encouraged to go on expensive pilgrimages to the sites of departed “saints” as a way of doing good works that were supposedly pleasing to God. Luther redirected people to the much more practical commands of God. Rather than man-made vows of celibacy or donations to the shrines of the saints, God’s Word encouraged marriage, raising a family in the fear of the Lord, carrying out one’s occupation for the good of the community. These were the much more practical purposes for life that God had laid out in his Word. This was the real “life of the saints” on which Luther refocused the people of his time.

Not only did Luther preach and teach this. He lived it. Married in 1525 to a former nun, Katherine von Bora, Luther transformed the ministry from an intermediary office to the common experience of the members of the congregation. An important part of our Reformation heritage is that the life of the church is the common life of sinners who have been turned into saints by the blood of Jesus. Connected now to Jesus through his Word, believers reflect and proclaim his love and forgiveness every week and every day to the people around them. This is the life of the church. This is our Reformation heritage.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS**

- Leola Herther (10/1)*
- Gene Graff (10/8)*
- William Loeffler (10/10)*
- Martin Janke (10/12)*
- Alfred Nunez (10/14)*
- Neil Thompson (10/15)*
- Audrey Prange (10/21)*
- Joyce Thiesfeldt (10/30)*

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**OCTOBER 2017 GREETERS**

- October 1, 2017 7:45: No one signed up.  
10:15: Paul & Sharon Weis
- October 8, 2017 7:45: Joel & Linda Pless  
10:15: No one signed up.
- October 15, 2017 7:45: LaVern Oehler &  
Christine Dahl  
10:15: John & Ruthanne Geldon
- October 22, 2017 7:45: No one signed up.  
10:15: Joel & Carrie Hinz.
- October 29, 2017 7:45: No one signed up.  
10:15: No one signed up.

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**DAVID'S STAR ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS** have arrived and are available to purchase in the gathering space. There is an envelope in each book to be placed in the offering plate with your money. If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Tews, [262-377-2051](tel:262-377-2051). The cost is \$15. Please make checks payable to: David's Star Lutheran Church.

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**NORTHSIDE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

(NSLM) is a mission outreach to the inner city of Milwaukee and is affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We are running a **WINTER clothing drive** for NSLM from Oct 14th to Oct 22nd. PLEASE ONLY WINTER items. They do not have storage space. Warm clothing for all sizes, baby through adult. They especially need hats and gloves for adults. There will be containers in the gathering space. Please contact Elaine Rusch ([262.573.0866](tel:262.573.0866))

**LOOKING FOR A WAY TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE? GREETERS** are needed to welcome visitors and fellow church members on Sunday Mornings. Signing up is easy—simply go to the David's Star web site and click on "volunteer opportunities". If you have never greeted before and have questions or you are unable to access the on-line site, please feel free to contact Kathryn Smith ([262\) 677-2173](tel:262 677-2173) or Linda Pless ([262\) 677-2109](tel:262) 677-2109).

**JESUS CARES** Do you know someone with intellectual or developmental disabilities who needs to be served by the gospel? Check out the Jesus Cares adapted services held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6869 Wildwood Rd, West Bend, WI. The services are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm. (No services in January or February). Special Bible Classes are also available on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00am. (No Bible Classes in January or February) Want more information. Call Kathryn Smith at [262-677-2173](tel:262-677-2173), or speak with Pastor Wolddt.

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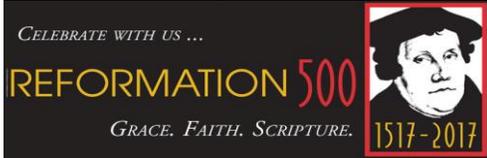
**SAVE THE DATE-SE WISCONSIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL SERVICE REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION** on November 5, 2017 (3:30PM) at the Miller High Life Theater (500 W Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203).

*David's Star Lutheran School*  
*presents:*

A REFORMATION 500  
CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 5  
between services in the gathering  
space

PLEASE JOIN US for a wax  
museum-style presentation,  
Reformation-themed artwork,  
and a special treat!



**COUNCIL CAPSULE  
HIGHLIGHTS OF  
THE SEPTEMBER 2017 COUNCIL**

**Church Council Minutes  
David's Star Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
Jackson, WI  
September 12, 2017 7:00pm**

**Members in attendance:**

Pastor Woldt, Mark Ahrens, Dennis Bell, Josh Boeldt, Tim Gustafson, Jon Kruse, Paul Steinbrenner, Mike Willis, David Zarling

**Excused:**

Todd Backus, Kurt Henning, Pastor Loescher, Nelson Erdmann

The meeting was called to order by Paul Steinbrenner at 7:02 pm. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Woldt.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2017.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

**Incoming:**

Szczepaniak, Andy & Ashley  
*Transfer from St. Matthew's, Oconomowoc, WI*  
Ferch, Jarod, Katherine; Caleb, Emma  
*Transfer from Eastside, Madison, WI*

**Outgoing:**

Brandt, Phil  
*Transfer to Christ, Pewaukee, WI*  
Eggers, Shannon  
*Transfer to Lord and Savior, Crystal Lake, IL*  
Guhl, Nathan  
*Transfer to St. Paul's, Saginaw, MI*  
Kwecinski, Jeffrey  
*Transfer to Messiah, Suamico, WI*

**Pastors' Report**

**Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919**  
**[kurt.loescher@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.loescher@gmail.com) &**  
**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**  
**[woldtma@hotmail.com](mailto:woldtma@hotmail.com)**

Pastor Woldt has been appointed to serve as the interim 2nd Vice-President for the SEW District until the elections occur at the next District Convention in June 2018. He will primarily serve in an advisory capacity, working with District

President David Kolander. This appointment will involve local meetings a few times a month. Second year seminary student, Alex Kirchenwitz, will once again begin occasional preaching and presiding at David's Star as part of his early field training. Please remember the upcoming Reformation Festival Service on November 5th in Milwaukee.

**President's report  
(Paul Steinbrenner)**

No report. Making contacts for picture directory.

**Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**Kurt Henning**

**[klhrconst@gmail.com](mailto:klhrconst@gmail.com)**

I am unable to attend council this Tuesday. Any needs or concerns of buildings and grounds please contact me by my cell 414-550-7423. I did approve the purchase of new stand up lawn mower for the cemetery. This will allow for cutting the cemetery easier and limiting damage of headstones. New screen door placed on Pastor Woldt's house. Roger Tews and Jeff Wenzel have done an excellent job assisting around the church campus. There have been several emails regarding a thermostat. Brian Lee can do this remotely.

- Floor scrubber in school also needs repair and I approved of this getting done.
- Church woods areas were power washed by Curt Beeler Looks great.
- Going to remove railroad ties by Playground set Any volunteers welcome otherwise I will have Arborscape Inc. remove them.

**Board for Elementary Education**

**Mike Willis, [mike.willis@sial.com](mailto:mike.willis@sial.com)**

**Principal Tim Gustafson**

**[tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

No meeting. Request from parent's group for a fellowship opportunity.

**Board of Elders**

**Dennis Bell**

**[dandmbell55@yahoo.com](mailto:dandmbell55@yahoo.com)**

No report.

**Evangelism Committee**

**Nelson Erdman**

**[theerdmans@hotmail.com](mailto:theerdmans@hotmail.com)**

No written report.

**Stewardship Committee**  
**David Zarling**  
[david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com)

No report.

**Spiritual Growth Committee**  
**Jon Kruse**  
[krusejon@hotmail.com](mailto:krusejon@hotmail.com)

No written report. What would it take to get nursery/childcare in place during Bible Study? Place, People, Policies? Need responsible adult to oversee.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Josh Boeldt**  
[joshua.boeldt@gmail.com](mailto:joshua.boeldt@gmail.com)  
**September 12, 2017**

**2017 August Operating Budget Financial Update**

Thanks be to the Lord! The total offerings for August were \$57,145, which is nearly 6% higher than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was about 3% higher than budgeted for and is up 1.7% from the budgeted amount for the year to date. The actual expenses for August were nearly 1% higher than the budgeted amount but are about 2.6% lower than the budget for the year to date. Looking at the chart below, the actual net loss for the month was \$1,319 smaller than the anticipated budgeted loss for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of August shows a deficit of \$38,659.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$67,336	\$65,419	\$1,917
Expenses	\$78,083	\$77,485	\$598
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$10,747)	(\$12,066)	\$1,319

**2017 August Ministries Beyond our Congregation Financial Update**

The remittances in August for the WELS mission were 13% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 11% more than the budgeted amount. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 9% less than the amount budgeted for. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 8.6% lower than the amount budgeted for the year to date.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Wisc Ev Lutheran Synod	\$9,158	\$8,117	\$1,041
KMLHS Operating Fund	\$3,745	\$3,377	\$368
KMLHS Joyful Noise	\$435	\$480	(\$45)

**2017 August Building Fund Update**

The mortgage loan balance as of August 31, 2017 is \$1,194,598. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 8/31/17 was \$84,654. This balance is up about 4.8% from July. Josh Boeldt, Treasurer

**Mission Festival (Todd Backus)**

Mission Festival meal served 210 people (up from 197 the prior year). David's Star is very blessed to have the many volunteers that give of their time and talents. We are very thankful to all of those that helped with Mission Festival this year.

**Old Business**

Establishment of David's Star Endowment Fund—Josh Boeldt talked with Brian Lee and will bring back an update in November or written report in October. We are asking for a written report.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to transfer \$4,000 from DS Cookbook Fund to the DS 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Fund.

Worship Attendance—Discussion regarding the numbers. There were some concerns about how the numbers were obtained. Shepherd Staff only counts those who are in the Friendship Register. Pastor Woldt will get an usher count over the past several years.

**New Business**

A motion was made and seconded and carried to grant Betty Gumm's request related to our cemetery.

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee report—

Items for Annual 2018 Voters' Meeting (TBD)

Next month's Council Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday October 10, 2017 at 7pm

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting @ 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

Pastor Woldt closed with the Blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Ahrens—Secretary  
(Cell # 955-4032, [mrahrens1@yahoo.com](mailto:mrahrens1@yahoo.com))

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**LADIES AID** meets on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the multi-purpose room of school.

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**REFORMATION DAY ANNIVERSARY SERVICE** Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Hubertus is hosting a service to mark the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation on Tuesday, October 31, the actual anniversary day on which Luther first posted his 95 Theses in 1517. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Pastor John Braun from Northwestern Publishing House, and author of the new book, *Luther's Protest: From 95 Theses to Reformation*, will be the guest preacher. The Traveling Choir from Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School will sing several anthems in the service, and the congregation will be accompanied by guest organist Mark Davidson from Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha. A book fair especially featuring Lutheran Reformation books and resources from Northwestern Publishing House will be offered before the service from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. and after the service from approximately 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will also be served after the service. Crown of Life is located at 1292 Tally Ho Trail (on Hubertus Road) in Hubertus. The members of our congregation are cordially invited to attend.

**DAVID'S STAR WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Saturday, November 11th - To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation our Keynote Speaker, Rebecca DeGarmeaux, will introduce us to Martin Luther's amazing wife, Katie Luther. There will be afternoon breakout sessions and NPH will have a portable store open during the day. It will be a very uplifting day, so plan to attend and invite a friend. Registration forms will be available in the gathering space.

Contact [dswomensretreat@gmail.com](mailto:dswomensretreat@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.

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**ONE DAY MOVIE EVENT** a one-time showing of "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy" will be shown at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in the Performing Arts Center, on Sunday, October 15 at 4:00 PM. This new film follows the great adventure of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. All the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life. Who am I? What is my purpose? How do I get right with God? A must-see for any Lutheran and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. **Invite your friends and neighbors!** A free will offering will be taken after the screening. Proceeds will be forwarded to Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

**DAVID'S STAR COMPASSION BRIDGE (GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP)**

The Compassion Bridge is a group that meets to support one another in the grief of losing a loved one to death. It is not limited to the grieving, but also invites those who are trying to support those who are grieving. We are not a counseling session or even a therapy group. Our purpose is to understand grief and support each other in one of the most intense trials of this earthly life. The grief support sessions will meet approximately every two weeks. Because of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas the dates work out like this: October 11, 25; November 1, 15, 29; December 7, 21; January 10 and (24 if needed). Our meetings will go from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. If you have lost a loved one to death and are experiencing the struggles of grieving, please consider this valuable opportunity to struggle through grief together. Any questions? Call Sue Bolha (262.677.3485) or Lisa Marie Kison (262.305.9430)



## Parish Nurse News Three Big Things!

- An email was sent from the **School Parents Group** asking us if there would be interest in a **Blood Drive** in honor of our precious Sulli Maney! Many responded saying yes, “We would love to help! This is something we can do to show our love and support for the Maney family!” And so a date has been set, **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, taking place in our multipurpose room in the school. Watch the bulletin, your emails or the David’s Star website and make an appointment when able to do so! What a nice opportunity! Mark your calendars and consider donating. Thanks to the Parents Group for facilitating this effort. **“I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.” Phil 4:13**
- **The “flu” season approaches!** The “flu” is a common respiratory infection caused by several related viruses, easily passed from person to person through coughing, sneezing, or through contact with fluids from an infected persons mouth or nose. Symptoms include a high fever, headache, fatigue, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and body aches. Adults over 65 with heart disease, lung disease, diabetes or cancer, young children and those with a weakened immune systems are at a greater risk of complications. **Receiving the flu vaccination each and every year is the best way and first step to help protect yourself from the flu and spreading it to friends and family.** I’ve already gotten my flu shot, because I visit our shut-ins and nursing home residents and we have young grandchildren! I don’t want to inadvertently spread the “flu” to those at higher risk! Good handwashing is another way to prevent the spread of the “flu”! **Have you had your flu vaccination yet? Talk to your doctor!**

- I recently attended a class given by a **Child Life Specialist** from Froedtert who uses developmental, educational and therapeutic interventions to help children touched by an adult’s illness (parent, grandparent or other significant adult in a child’s life). A child life specialist also helps families by providing age-appropriate language to explain an adult’s medical condition or diagnosis, helping prepare a child for a bedside visit in the ICU or helping children to cope with long hospital stays. They sent me home with brochures, lists of resources for the family and even some samples to give out. **A sample: “When Your Parent Has Cancer: A Guide for Teens” from the National Cancer Institute. Also, a “Kids Activity Book: Because Someone I Love Has Cancer” from the American Cancer Society.** I was so glad I went! I’m more than willing to pass along the samples they gave!

Together as we serve the Lord and his people,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

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**THE “LITTLE ONES” GATHERING** will meet on Saturday, October 7th at 9:30AM to 10:30 AM. **Please enter through the gathering space (west side) doors of church.** This program is designed to be a Christ-centered, nurturing and encouragement group for young children and their mothers, fathers, grandparents, or caregivers. Children from infancy to preschool are welcome to attend with a parent/grandparent or caregiver. “Little Ones” is not designed to be a drop off program. “Little Ones” activities will include circle time, simple Bible lessons, Christian songs, dancing, art/craft time, and snacks. Please feel free to contact Jessica at [jc.schumacher@gmail.com](mailto:jc.schumacher@gmail.com) with any questions you may have about the program.