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Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“God’s School is Always in Session”

by Pastor Kurt Loescher

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School is in session! We have a new crop of fresh faced, eager to learn Seventh Graders in Catechism class. Do you remember those days? Maybe you had the opportunity to study with a pastor as an adult. That is a bit more relaxed than the course of study the young teenagers go through. Does the notion of Catechism instruction send shivers up your spine, or something less dramatic? Do you recollect unending memory work and pastoral instruction? Was there a fear of not being able to measure up to what the pastor expected of you? What if he refuses to confirm you? What if you fail the examination?

Now of course, you understand that the only thing you needed to concern yourself with is what you still need to concern yourself with: growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, at this time of a new beginning of a school year, it seems beneficial to review the confession we all made at the altar and the promises that went with it.:

1. ***Do you this day in the presence of God and this congregation acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation?***

You confessed that you did acknowledge the power of your Baptism and it's far reaching blessings. That you can know that your sins are washed away and that you have life forever in heaven.

2. ***Do you reject the devil with all his lies and empty promises?***

Indeed you rejected the devil that day. Since then you have no doubt found how difficult it is to recognize his lies and empty promises. Only when we stay close to him and his Word are we trained to see them and strengthened to reject them once again.

3. ***Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?***

You said then that you did. Do you still? That is a legitimate question because the empty lies of Satan, so well disguised, consistently deny God. In every form of media false religious notions are so winsomely portrayed that our imaginations are compelled to embrace them, or at least consider them. For instance, we see a movie that was such a good movie. Our hearts followed the treachery against the hero and the victory he finally achieved. Along the way, we catch ourselves also thinking favorably toward the false religious ideas that were a part of the hero's life.

4. ***Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?***

You said you did. Do you still? If you do, you find yourself at odds with much of contemporary life. The world around us is increasingly rejecting the will of God as revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures. The visible church has been especially disappointing. They merely reject that the condemnation of sin in the Word of God is from God. They say it was just the moral ways of the writer at the time.

5. ***Do you believe the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?***

One of the reasons Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism was so that the head of every household could teach these basic truths of Scripture to their children. How important is it to keep reviewing these truths for ourselves! How else could we have the conviction that they are true to the Word of God?

6. ***Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?***

This is a heavy promise. We made that promise calling on the power of God that we might keep it. That power of God comes from his Holy Word in our lives.

7. ***Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word; to be faithful in the use of Word and Sacrament; and in faith and action remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?***

Here again we had to promise this with the plea for God to help us. We can't do this. Only God can do this in us. Here is where the power of God in his Word and Sacrament are so critical in this life.

I pray that this little review of the confession of faith and promise we made will renew a drive to be close to the Lord in his Word. Our formal Bible Classes start up again this month. Perhaps you haven't been in the past, but are able to make the time now. Please come and join us. Also, by all means, read the Scripture for yourself. Review your Catechism and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

Vincent Schneider (9/3)
Ursula Dorna (9/15)
Marie Janke (9/24)

SEPTEMBER 2016 GREETERS

Sept. 4, 2016
7:45: N/A
9:30: Dennis & Marlene Bell

Sept. 11, 2016 7:45: Myron & Delores Philipps
10:15 Tim & Rachel Gustafson

Sept. 18, 2016 7:45: Andy & Colleen Loeffler
10:15: John & Ruthanne Geldon

Sept. 25, 2016 7:45: Bob & Lisa Heider
10:15: Jason & Heidi Walz

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

SERMON/BIBLE STUDY SERIES Beginning Sunday, September 11th, we will begin a special three week series of sermons and bible studies focused on The Family: God’s Perfect Plan. We will be reminded how God designed the family as part of his perfect creation. We will learn how each of us can serve Jesus in our family roles. We will grow in our appreciation of all the blessings we can receive and give as we honor God’s gift of family. Please plan to join us for both worship and Sunday Bible Study as this series begins September 11th.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY (WNW) begins **September 8th** at 9:30 am in the multi-purpose room of school. We will also be meeting on the **15th of September**. This is a little out of their normal schedule (this month only). We meet the first and third Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30 in the multi-purpose room. Our first study is on thanksgiving. Please bring your bible and a notebook.

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will resume September 7th at 10:00 am in the multi-purpose room.

LIVESTREAM Going out of town? Not feeling well? You can still participate in worship services via Livestream.com. Through your internet browser on your computer or mobile device, search for Livestream.com. Click on “Watch Events” and then type *davids star* in the search bar. Services can either be watched live or any time after the event. Contact Terry Hansen if you have any questions or suggestions.

THE “LITTLE ONES” will again begin meeting on September 10th at 9:30 am in the church gathering space. We will meet on the first Saturday of the month throughout the school year. 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. Please contact Jessica Schumacher at [262.339.0976](tel:262.339.0976) or jc.schumacher@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

As God’s stewards, we are called to serve. As Christians saved by grace, we are led by the Holy Spirit to live a life of servanthood. “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28). Just as Jesus came to serve, we have the same privilege to serve others through our time, talents, and treasures. Through our service, we become more like Jesus.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE Next Sunday, September 11th our service times for Sunday services will be 7:45 and 10:15 am. Thursday service is at 7:00 pm and Saturday service time is 5:00 pm. Children’s and Adult Bible Studies will also be starting on the 11th between first and second service at 9:10am.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY
David’s Star Evangelical Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

COUNCIL CAPSULE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

David's Star Church Council Highlights

August 16, 2016

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Josh Boeldt, Glenn Miller, Tim Gustafson, David Zarlring, Brian Lee, Dennis Bell, Kurt Henning

Absent: Mike Willis, Nelson Erdmann, Pastor Loescher, Jon Kruse

The meeting was called to order by Brian Lee. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Woldt. A motion was made and carried to approve the amended minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on July 12, 2016.

Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)

Incoming: Nickel, Lance & Sharon

Transfer from Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI
Beyersdorf, Scott & Shana

*Transfer from Christ Ev. Lutheran Church,
Greenfield, WI*

Outgoing:

Pastors' Report

Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919

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Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019

woldtma@hotmail.com

Both pastors enjoyed a week of vacation last week. We now preparing for the fall season when the full Bible class and confirmation schedules resume. The three Sundays in September after Labor Day will be used to focus our attention on the special blessing of "family." We pray that the truths shared will be timely reminders for the congregation as we live in a time and age where the God ordained order for marriage and family is often ignored and even ridiculed. Thanks to all who dedicate their time and energy to the support of gospel ministry here at David's Star. Please keep the ministry of David's Star and our broader WELS fellowship in your prayers.

President's Report

Brian Lee

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Endowment Committee – A possible frame work for an endowment fund was discussed. Brian Lee will reach out to the donor to see if this frame work meets their request.

Vacation Bible School – Thanks to everyone who worked to make this a success

Recording Secretary – It was decided that Brian Lee will fill the role of recording secretary until annual elections in January. Unless it is possible to find a temporary replacement.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds**

Kurt Henning

klhrconst@gmail.com

Tim Gustafson reported the project to update bathrooms in the school is moving forward and will be completed in time for the 1st day of school.

Thanks to Gerry Lahti for addressing the issue with the volleyball nets.

Kurt will be looking for quotes to seal cracks in David's Star Drive.

Board for Elementary Education

Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com

Principal Tim Gustafson

tgustafson@davidstar.org

Tim Gustafson reported the projected enrollment for next year will be 138. The positions needed to provide after school care have been filled.

Board of Elders

Dennis Bell

dandmbell55@yahoo.com

No report.

Evangelism Committee

Nelson Erdman

theerdmans@hotmail.com

No report.

Stewardship Committee

David Zarlring

david.zarling@gmail.com

No report.

Spiritual Growth Committee

Jon Kruse

krusejon@hotmail.com

Jon wanted to pass along his thanks for everyone who was involved in making this year's VBS an overwhelming success.

Treasurer's Report

(Josh Boeldt, joshua.boeldt@gmail.com)

The printed report for July was presented. The Total Offerings for July were up over last year primarily due to having 5 Sundays Overall offerings are about 5% over budget. Actual expenses for the July and year to date are under budget. Presently running a deficit which is anticipated for this time of year. The deficit is well below last years. Mission's remittances for June were 15% over the budget. The balance of the Building fund saw a decrease of \$5,000 in July with the ending balance coming in at \$73,530. It is important to note that this means donations to this fund were \$5,000 short of covering the required \$14,000 monthly loan payment. This fund is in place to prevent from taking dollars out of the operating fund and is working as intended. However, if this trend continues this fund will not be there too draw from.

Old Business

Exploration of Endowment Fund at David's Star – The General Frame work has been discussed and Brian Lee will be reaching out to the donor to see if this frame work meets the intent of the donation.

New Business

Pastor Woldt provided an outline of the subcommittees that would make up the overall 175th anniversary committee. Brian Lee will be reaching out to congregation members requesting they chair these subcommittees.

A motion was made and carried to increase the internet up/down speed at a monthly cost of up to \$40 to \$45, or \$5 increase over the motion past last month. The monies coming from a special donation. Next year's budget will be adjusted to cover these costs. This motion was passed.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Brian Lee - President



SPECIAL THANKS

Myron Philipps after over 15 years of cutting grass and maintaining the grass cutting equipment in good order has decided to pass the edger onto someone else. Please reach out to Myron and thank him for the many hundreds of hours he has spent making our property something that we can all be proud of. God has blessed us again as two members stepped forward and will be teaming to carry on Myron's duties. If you would consider helping out spending a couple hours a week riding a lawn mower next year please reach out to one of the Pastors, Glenn Miller or Brian Lee.

LUTHER DAYS FESTIVAL Join us on September 17th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Shoreland Lutheran High School in Somers, WI for the largest Lutheran Festival in North America! Luther Days is a family event that has something for everyone including: 100 workshops, 75 WELS/ELS presenters, 50+ WELS/ELS organizations, Guinness World Record Attempt, Liturgical Art contest, kids activities, German food, lots of Lutheran shopping and much more! Admission is free if you register in advance online at www.lutherdays.org or by calling 920-573-5903.



CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY AT KETTLE MORAINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

You are cordially invited to attend KML's Celebration of Ministry on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at 2:00 PM in the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 1:00 PM.

As part of the service, the KML Federation will install three new members of our faculty:

- Mr. Daniel Albrecht – Computer Instructor
- Mr. Dan Hubert – Band Instructor
- Mr. James Livingston – Math Instructor

We will also praise God for the ministry service he has granted a member of our faculty:

- Mr. Jonathan Pasbrig – 25 years in the ministry

We invite you to join us as we offer our praise to God for allowing KML to begin the 43rd year of instructing our youth in the truth of God's Word and for providing these dedicated workers for his kingdom. We would be pleased to have you join us in our celebration of ministry!

Light refreshments will be available following the service.

IT'S TIME to sign up for bringing a treat for our Sunday morning fellowship time between services. There is a sign up sheet by the coffee serving area. You can also sign up on-line by going to the David's Star web site and clicking volunteer opportunities. *** Snacks without nuts are preferred due to allergy concerns***



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the 10th annual **David's Star Women's Retreat.**
Saturday, November 12th.

Our keynote speaker will be Vera- Ellen Cook. Watch for further details.

**2016 July Operating Budget Financial Update
August 16, 2016**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The total offerings for July were \$63,897, which is about \$6,000 more than the budgeted offerings for the month (the offerings tend to be quite a bit higher than budgeted in months with an extra Sunday like July). On the year, the total offerings are still about 5% more than budgeted. The actual expenses for July were lower than the budgeted amount by about \$1,500, and total expenses for the year are still within 1% of the budgeted expenses. Looking at the chart below, the actual net loss for the month was nearly \$8,000 lower than the anticipated budgeted net loss for the month. The overall fund balance at the end of July shows a deficit of \$47,081.

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Revenue	\$76,062	\$69,640	\$6,422
Expenses	\$91,633	\$93,179	(\$1,546)
Net Profit/(Loss)	(\$15,571)	(\$23,539)	\$ 7,968

**2016 July Ministries Beyond our
Congregation Financial Update**

For the month of July, the remittances for the WELS mission were 35% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 15% higher than budgeted for. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were more than double the anticipated amount this month (again, the extra Sunday in July helps to inflate these numbers). The total amount remitted for all missions was up nearly 3% over budget for the year to date.

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
WELS	\$7,294	\$5,407	\$1,887
KMLHS Operating Fund	\$4,011	\$3,484	\$ 527
KMLHS Joyful Noise	\$ 814	\$ 369	\$ 445

2016 July Building Fund Update

The mortgage loan balance as of July 31, 2016 is \$1,315,886. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 7/31/16 was \$73,530. The balance is down about \$5,000 from last month and continues to be an issue.

Josh Boeldt, Treasurer



GREAT MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR:



ONE FULL-TIME MEMBER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!!!!

5|150 Wellness Circle Program

The 5|150 Wellness Circle is a Scripture-based program centered on improving the overall health and wellness of individuals desiring to live a healthier life. In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul reminds us that whether we eat or drink, we should do it for the glory of God. The Wellness Circle is designed to help people adjust their priorities to include better nutrition and exercise habits, one fruit/vegetable serving and 10 minutes of exercise at a time. After 2-3 months, our goal is that each participant is achieving 5|150 or 5 servings of fruits & vegetables per day and 150 minutes of exercise per week. The program consists of 10 sessions to help you meet the 5|150 goal as a circle.

The David's Star Wellness Circle will begin meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room September 14th from 8:30-9:30am. For more information, please contact:

RSVP to Pam Lee RN
262.377.9419 or brianandpam1@att.net

What happens at support group meetings?

1. Each session will explore a topic related to fruit & vegetable intake and exercise;
2. Participants are asked to set weekly goals (and track progress) based on the topics to help them improve their fruit & vegetable intake and exercise habits;
3. Barriers and successes are discussed within the group with the purpose of supporting each other and identifying areas to improve.

Your friend in Christ
Sue Bolha RN, David's Star Parish
Nurse



Rehearses: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30, beginning 9/13



ADULT MIXED (SINGING) CHOIR

Rehearses: Tuesdays, 7:35-8:35, beginning 9/13



Worship Ensemble

Plays 6 times per school year. Sign up for as many as you like. 2-3 rehearsals (usually on weekends) before each playing time.