



Get to the Root of the Problem

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It seems people either really like to garden or they don't like it at all. Those who grew up with a garden know the joy of seeing God's marvelous creation producing fruit and personally enjoying the fresh produce that they watched from seedling on. It's fighting the diseases, bugs and weeds that make gardening an awful chore.

But I have to say, I actually don't mind pulling weeds. Oh, I don't at all like how hard the work can be or how endless. And it just about makes you scream when you break off a weed at the surface leaving the root in the soil. No, it isn't the actual chore of weeding itself that I enjoy. What I appreciate is the divine lesson I am reminded of every time pull a few weeds. It reminds me of my sins and God's pure grace.

The Satisfaction of Repentance

As frustrating as it can be to leave the stubborn root of the weed in the soil, how satisfying is it to cleanly pull out the entire root. No slight feel of a snap of the root down deep, pretty certain that you got it all. Even more satisfying is to stand before God in repentance and pull it all out. Leave no root of desire to do it again but thoroughly hate the sins that Jesus paid for with his own life. Nothing is more liberating than knowing you are completely free of the sins of your heart. Not because you pulled them out cleanly in repentance but because Jesus paid for them thoroughly with his own blood. Repentance is the satisfying act of faith that acknowledges the whole sin and rejoices that it is completely rooted out through Jesus.

The Unrelenting Nature of Sin

But is it completely rooted out? If a person meticulously weeds the garden getting each and every weed (even the smallest of the small), he will look back at the enormous endeavor with great satisfaction over the beautifully manicured garden. The lush fruitful plants almost look proud against the black fertile soil. Yet, deep down every gardener knows that they'll be back. You didn't get it all. You never do. Either you fight

weeds almost daily or you get tired of it all and let them grow.

The Christian like the gardener can never get too comfortable. Watch out for the pride of piety. "If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). Our lives may look pious and fruitful, our hearts seem to be fertile soil, but we know that the seeds and roots of sin remain in the soil of our hearts. We are never sin free.

The Root of the Problem

And therein is the problem. We are never sin free in this life. The theologians call that original sin. St Paul calls it our sinful nature that is always with us from which we must be rescued (Romans 7). This I consider the most profound lesson I relearn every time I pull weeds. That I hate my sin and am constantly pulling them out, but I will never in this sinful world, confined by my sinful self, be free of my sin. The evil spores of sin remain deeply rooted in my heart. So my own piety might look clean and fruitful, but it isn't enough. Sin remains.

The Only Answer

St. Paul asked the question, "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" The answer, and the only answer is, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Turn to him and rejoice that all our sins are indeed gone. Then sin will not take over the garden of our hearts. We will continue to hate them and pull them and rejoice that we have a home in heaven where we will finally and completely be free of them.

Next time you see a garden overtaken by weeds, pray God that our hearts never look like that. And when you see a beautifully weeded and manicured garden, seethe with hatred for the weeds that are right below the surface. And rejoice with great joy that Jesus has successfully and completely removed every weed from our hearts.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

- Vincent Schneider (9/3)
- Lorraine Raabe (9/20)
- Bev Bublitz (9/23)
- Marie Janke (9/24)
- Marilyn Davies (9/25)

September 2018 GREETERS

Sept. 2 nd	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
Sept. 9 th	7:45am	Dave & Jeanie Martin
	10:15am	n/a
Sept. 16 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
Sept. 23 rd	7:45am	Jean Hall
	10:15am	n/a
Sept. 30 th	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a

175th SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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. *There will be no other services on that weekend.*

175th ANNIVERSARY NEWS - Please be watching for an invitation in the bulletin for the 175th Anniversary Celebration Service at KML on **October 14th**, followed by catered luncheon at David's Star. We are asking that you place your reservation cards in the box located in the narthex. We will need an accurate count for the caterer. Reservations can also be made by calling Beth Steinbrenner @ 262-421-8058, if you did not submit a card in the box.

WALKING GROUP - All are welcome to walk with us on Tuesdays 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 there may be an additional group that will walk outdoors when the weather permits. Please Park in the South lot.

NORTHSIDE LUTHURAN MINISTRY FOOD DRIVE - We will be collecting food items for NLM starting Saturday, **Sept 8th - Sunday, Sept 16th**. Needed items include easy to heat meal items like beef stew, soups, ravioli, etc. Also canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef, spam), boxed potato, rice, and

noodle sides, ramen noodles, cereals, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, etc. Try to refrain from Mac-n-cheese. Other items needed are toiletries, TP, paper towel. They really do appreciate the donations we give. Please see the article regarding NLM at the end of this newsletter. *We will also be having a WINTER clothing drive in October, so please keep that in mind as well.* Any questions, contact Elaine Rusch at 262-573-0866. Thank you to all who choose to help!!

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

- All Women of the Congregation are invited to attend Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study which will resume on Sept. 6th, in the multipurpose room at 9:30am. We will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Our theme for the first session will be, "Trust in God's Timing." Please bring your Bible and hymnal. It's a blessing to be in the Word together!

Dear Pastors and Members of David's Star;

Thank you so much for thinking of me and providing not just spiritual support but also financial support. I know that I am truly blessed by our Lord and Savior when I see what a great congregation I am part of.

Your contribution will be put to great use as it helps me finish my education in becoming a full-time public minister (teacher) of the Gospel.

Please keep all David's Star members who are studying for the ministry in your prayers as the new school year begins.
God's Blessings, Andrew Eggers

175th ANNIVERSARY FACTS DID YOU KNOW?

In 1943 our congregation celebrated its 100th anniversary with a special service on September 5th. Seven sons of the congregation in the pastoral ministry and four in the teaching ministry were invited to attend. Ladies' Aid purchased new carpeting for the church, the exterior was painted, and the roof received new shingles. Membership at the time included 540 souls with a school enrollment of 72.

HELP NEEDED-Do you like to work with your hands? The Buildings & Grounds crew is looking for additional volunteers to help with miscellaneous projects around church. If you are interested, please contact Glenn Miller at 414.477.8769 or bandg@davidstar.org. Thank you to all those who currently volunteer their time and talents!

LOOKING FOR ADDRESSES Seven Confirmation classes will be specially invited to attend the October 14th Anniversary service and meal. We have found 86 people in the Class of 1958, 1968, and 2008, but still need addresses for Class of 1948 Grace Dobberphul; Class of 1978 Leslie Kuehl; Class of 1988 Travis Gehring. Christine Kuehl, Kathy Kuehl, Tanya Schmidt, and Gina Tollefson; Class of 1998 Melissa Ebel, Kevin Frank, Robert Marzinske. Please call 262-677-3457 to give Doris Koeller the address so we can invite them, too.

THUNDERBOLT OPEN – to benefit DS school will be held on Saturday, **Sept. 15th**. Join us at West Bend Lakes for a 1:00 shotgun start. The cost is \$75 which includes the golf, golf cart, dinner and refreshments after golf. If you just want to join us for the meal the cost is \$20.

LADIES' AID MEETING NOTICE All women of David's Star are invited to the Ladies' Aid meeting on Thursday, **September 13th** at 7pm. **We will be meeting in the 8th grade classroom since the multipurpose room will be used for taking pictures.** We meet once a month during the school year (usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month). At each meeting we enjoy hearing a devotion from one of our Pastors and then we discuss upcoming events sponsored by Ladies' Aid. Each meeting concludes with fellowship and snacks. Please join us and find out how you can help serve at David's Star. Contact Lynne Tews, 414-581-2051, for more information.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY INFORMATION - Life Touch Photography will be in the multipurpose room during the following dates and times: **Sept. 11th to Sept. 15th**. Weekdays 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up on line by going to www.davidstar.org/photo or contact Shana Beyersdorf at 414-248-8060.

If you are unable to attend one of the photo sessions, please send a photo and include the following information to the church office: Names of family members (Oldest to youngest), Home address, phone numbers (Up to 2), e-mail address (1) and \$10.00 processing fee. *Please make check out to David's Star.* Or, All information may be submitted electronically to Paul Steinbrenner at pbkids999@gmail.com with check sent to David's Star.

All shut-ins and members of the military (pictured in uniform) may submit pictures and information free of charge.

If mailing your information, please send it to David's Star marked "*Attention: Directory Committee*" Please **submit all photos by Sept. 29th**. Thank you for being part of the photo directory!



**MUSIC/WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES
for 2018-2019**

ADULT HANDELL CHOIR – rehearses Tuesdays from 6:30-7:25, beginning September 11th

We NEED 1-2 NEW MEMBERS!! If you can not commit to weekly rehearsals, think about sharing a position with someone.

ADULT SINGING CHOIR – rehearses Tuesdays from 7:35-8:35, beginning September 11th
New members needed in ALL VOICE parts!

WORSHIP ENSEMBLE—a flexible instrumental group that plays about 6 times a year. Play for as many as you like. We rehearse 2-3 times before each playing date.

Questions? Please contact Kris Eggers, kegg@dauidstar.org or 414-530-5696
Schedules will be posted soon at dauidstar.org.
Come join us in using your gifts to praise our God and Savior through a variety of Gospel-focused music!

[Speak] to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord). Eph. 5:19

KML INSTALLATION SERVICE - KML's new faculty installation service will take place on Friday, September 7, at 7:40 AM in the KML Performing Arts Center Auditorium. All are invited to join us as we offer our praise to God for allowing KML to begin the 45th year of instructing our youth in the truth of God's Word. PAC doors open at 7:15 AM to allow guests to welcome and meet new faculty members before the service begins. As part of the service, the KML Federation will install five new members of our faculty:

- Mrs. Sarah Chojnacki – Math, Science, Learning Center
- Mrs. Marcie Kren – Science
- Mr. Nate Krug – English
- Mrs. Sarah Proeber – English, Health
- Mr. Matt Rydecki – Word of God, P.E

We invite you to this special opportunity to worship our gracious God who provides more than we can imagine.

COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING

Membership Report (Pastor Loescher)

Incoming:

Kreuser, Tim & Dawn; Tyler, Travis
Profession of Faith

Outgoing: None

Pastors' Report

Pastor Woldt attended the installation of his son-in-law as a staff minister for Little Lambs Learning Center in Danube, MN on August 5th. Pastor Woldt is on vacation this week. We look forward to beginning our full schedule of confirmation classes and Bible Studies soon.

September will also bring opportunities for professional growth at conferences and the WLS symposium. We will continue to cooperate with WLS in the training of future pastors through the Early Field Training program. No first year student has been assigned to us yet. Ben Balge will return as a second year seminarian. We thank all the members of David's Star for their continued support of the gospel ministry.

Anniversary Committee

The steering committee has not met since the last council meeting. One update: The WLS Chorus had to back out of participating in our October service due to a conflict many members of the chorus will have on that weekend (MLC homecoming.) Mission Festival is our next anniversary event.

Buildings and Grounds (Glenn Miller)

Looking to get some mulch for playground. Developing a 3-4 year plan for asphalt around the property. Looking to place note in bulletin regarding the thinning of the church woods. Looking for handymen to help on small projects

around the property. Will bring in a few yards of topsoil to fill sinking graves in cemetery.

Contacts created for the following areas:

Parsonages - John Goll & Steve Bintz

Woods - Jared Kison & John Goll

Grass & Cemetery - Jim Klug & Jared Kison

Church Building - Steve Bintz & Todd Schrap

School Building - Todd Schrap & Steve Bintz

Playgrounds - Jared Kison & Jim Klug

Custodians - Glenn Miller

Elementary Education (Jason Walz)

School starts on the 27th of August. About 125 students this year, down 6 from last year. Re-accredited the school for another year. A new process is needed to start for 2020 reaccreditation. Plan to have visiting team in fall 2019.

Evangelism Committee (Andrew Loescher)

Four new church road signs will be delivered this week. Living nativity plans for this year. Planning team for social media being formed.

Spiritual Growth Committee (Jon Kruse)

Bible classes starting on September 9th. Pastor Woldt will start with a digging deeper class on the Sunday readings. New WELS movie coming out in September. Oasis group startup meeting on September 9th. Oasis is the new name for the former Barnabus group.

Treasurer Report (Joshua Boeldt)

July Operating Budget

Praise be to the Lord! The total offerings for July were \$68,685, which is about 3.2% higher than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was 5.0% higher than budgeted and is about 0.5% higher than the budget for the year to date. The actual expenses for July were about 1.4% lower than the budgeted amount and are 0.6% higher than the budget for the year to date. The overall fund balance at the end of June shows a deficit of \$38,252.

July Ministries Beyond our Congregation

The remittances in July for the WELS mission were 29% higher than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were just under 1% higher than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 8% lower than the amount budgeted for.

The Multi Language Publication remittances were about 44% lower than the budgeted amount. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 11% higher than the amount budgeted for July, and is 10% lower year to date.

2018 July Building Fund

The mortgage loan balance at the end of July is \$1,040,546. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 7/31/18 was \$100,028. This balance is up 4.8% from the end of June.

New Business

A motion was made and seconded to allow the thinning of the church woods. The DNR has recommended removal of selected trees. This will not take place until after the last 175th Anniversary event. A notice will be placed in the bulletin for member notice. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the 2018, 4% distribution from the DS KML Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund be sent to KML to be divided equally among the DS KML students who do not qualify or participate in the Wisconsin Choice Program. Note: about \$140.00 per student Motion carried.

Safety grant WI Department of Justice has 2nd round of grants for schools from \$10K to 2.5 million per school. There are many uses for these funds. We would have to apply and explain the costs for items being requested. Some strings attached on what we would have to do to get funds. The school has accepted funds from other government programs.

Deadline is August 30th. Can contact ESS, a security company, to get a recommendations. No council objections to investigate.

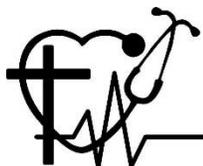
Mission Festival update. 175th Committee is organizing some mission related items. Any assistance is appreciated for setup and take down.

Next Council Meeting: 7pm; September 11, 2018

Parish Nurse News Flash!

Healthy Living with Diabetes is coming to Jackson!

The Aging & Disability Resource Center is offering a free, Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop. This workshop is designed to



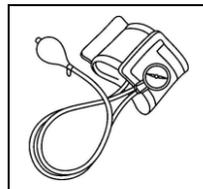
help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or living with someone with diabetes learn self-management skills and increase their confidence in managing their diabetes. Individuals who attend the workshop learn techniques to deal with the symptoms of diabetes, fitness for exercise and fun, relaxation techniques, healthy eating strategies and much more. Former workshop participants have reported improved health, healthier behavior, and a sense of confidence in managing their diabetes. The workshop focuses on helping you feel better, have more control, and do the things you want to do.

The Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop will be offered on Tuesdays, September 18 thru October 23, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Jackson Community Center, N165 W20330 Hickory Lane Drive, Jackson, WI.

The workshop will be facilitated by two trained leaders. Remember, there is no charge for the class! Enrollment is limited to 12 participants and pre-registration is required. Call Kristen at 262-335-4497 before Tuesday, September 18, to register or for more information.

Need some healthy exercise by simply walking with a fun group of people? Pam Lee is coordinating a Walking Group on Tuesday mornings, rain or shine from 8:00 - 9:00am. They walk up and down David's Star Drive or in the school gym if needed. Walk at your own pace or along with another while you visit!

Your sister in Christ, Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485
parishnurse@davidstar.org



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, September 23rd
Sunday, October 28th
Sunday, November 25th

NORTHSIDE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Many previous supporters of Northside Lutheran Ministries are under the impression that this ministry was closed a couple of years ago.

Such is not the case. In fact Northside Lutheran Ministries still continues to carry out its mission of bringing people to Christ. It is conducting Bible classes, Literacy classes, Women Of Hope meetings, and back yard barbecues. Through these activities people are growing in their knowledge and faith in Jesus. We still also continue to hand out food and clothing.

Thanks to the devotion of Deacon Tom Hall and Deaconess Leila Watson. Everything is continuing.

However, Northside Lutheran Ministries does need your help. The news that the ministry was closing caused past supporters to discontinue their support. It has survived due to a few supporters who kept up their support and also some generous donations of a few members of the board to pay bills and purchase the building when the synod put it up for sale. We also have some plans to do normal maintenance on the building as well as some remodeling that needs to be done.

We ask you to pray for Northside Lutheran Ministries. Also, if it is in your heart to support this ministry that has become a vital part of many people's lives, please do so. And we thank you for considering it. Food and clothing donations are also welcomed as in the past.

SAVE THE DATE! OWLS CONVENTION IS COMING A 3-Day Lutheran Convention for Seniors is being held October 10-12 at The Osthoff, a beautiful resort near Elkhart Lake, Wi. You can learn all about it by going to: csm.welsrc.net/owls or by contacting Dan & Sue Bolha at 262.677.3485

NEW BEGINNINGS TASTE & TOUR EVENTS We would like to invite you to Taste & Tour, which is a free, one-hour monthly event held at the New Beginnings home in Milwaukee. During this event, you will have the opportunity to look inside how New Beginnings works to help single mothers and their children break free from poverty and live a life rooted in Christ.

The event includes a tour of the home, a presentation on the ministry, and yummy desserts! This monthly event is held on Thursday afternoons. Please visit homeformothers.com/events to RSVP 800- 720-6667.

FRIENDS OF THE SEMINARY DAY - Friends of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary—On **Saturday, Oct. 6**. This annual event provides WELS members an opportunity to visit campus and learn more about the seminary's work. The day begins with fellowship and breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Worship follows at 9:00. Activities include presentations by students and faculty members, guided tours of the campus, and a noon meal.

Send \$10 to Friends of the Seminary Day, 11831 N. Seminary Dr., Mequon WI 53092

Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) – Linda Liesener is the Outreach Coordinator for CAMM. The mission is currently raising funds to purchase a new ambulance. If you would like more information, please contact Linda at 262.677.3844 or cammcontact@charter.net. Below is a letter received from the Lutheran Mobile Clinic:

**July 2018 - Lutheran Mobile Clinic
(Central Africa Medical Mission – Malawi)**

Earlier this month Beth and I returned to the United States for a very brief visit to attend our youngest sons' graduation. We stayed in Thiensville, Wisconsin with Beth's brother Pastor Kurt Ebert and while there, we attended a CAMM fundraising rummage sale held at his church - Christ Alone in Thiensville. When we spoke to the folks who were running the sale, they wondered how the \$3,000, typically raised by the sale, might be spent. That question started me thinking that perhaps many of the groups and individuals who support CAMM might like to know how their gifts and donations are used. So for those who are curious, here is a little Lutheran Mobile Clinic by numbers:

4,000 to 5,000: That's how many patients we have seen on average per month over the last 3 months. We are seeing the number of Malaria patients drop off as we move into the dry season (winter) here.

\$3,000: Will pay our fuel bill for around 5 months. We operate clinics in four Villages each of which is about a 45 to 50 mile round trip from the house. We have two rugged Toyota Landcruisers. These are the ambulances of choice over here, they can carry up to 12 people plus all of our equipment and medications over some very rough roads. As you might suspect, they are thirsty beasts.

\$3000, will also pay for about 6 months of vehicle maintenance. The dirt roads are hard on vehicles and parts are not cheap.

\$1000: Will pay salaries and some benefits for all of our Malawian staff for about a week. We have twenty one people on the payroll – nurse/midwives, clinician, nutritionist, registrar, driver, clinic maintenance men, clinic nutrition workers, guards, a gardener and a house keeper.

\$350: Will pay for our pharmaceutical supplies for a week. Malaria medications are provided by USAID and vaccinations are provided by the

Malawi government. All other medications are paid for by the clinic and provided for free.

200: That's roughly how many pill bottles we hand out a week. We use them for liquid medications that we buy in larger bottles and then pour into the smaller pill bottles that are sent from the United States.

\$100: Will provide us with a 3 month supply of maize and soy for our nutrition program.

\$75: Will pay the weekly salary of a nurse/midwife who has bachelor's degree in nursing.

\$50: Will provide infant formula to three babies for a month. As part of our nutrition program we currently provide infant formula to 6 orphan babies who are under 6 months.

\$20: Will pay for the quarterly gift given to each of our four clinic volunteers for their help in running clinic. The gifts consist of tea, rice, soap, salt, Vaseline, washing powder, sugar, matches and oil – mundane gifts by US standards but valuable in a Malawian Village.

\$7: Will pay for a locum Nurse/midwife for a day. When our staff is on vacation or sick, clinic operations must go on, so we hire fill in (locum) staff for the day.

Our annual budget for in-country operations is a little about \$130,000. In-country does not include Beth or my payroll.

We are a low cost, low overhead operation dedicated to showing Gods love and serving our Lord by providing quality healthcare to the people of Msambo, Suzi, Mwalaulomwe and Thunga Villages, and with God's blessing and your gifts we are doing just that.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Gary Evans (Lutheran Mobile Clinic Administrator)