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## **Epiphany Reflections**

*by Pastor Woldt*

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The date for Easter falls late in April this year. Lent does not begin until March 6<sup>th</sup>. The scheduling of Easter results in a lengthened Epiphany season on the church calendar. Throughout the Epiphany season, this assigned lessons "reveal" that Jesus is true God and Savior of all.

The Gospel lesson assigned for the first Sunday in February (Luke 4:20-32), Jesus returns to a synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth to declare that he is the Messiah. Unfortunately, most of the people in Nazareth reject his message and Jesus moves on.

The next weekend we listen in as Jesus calls his first disciples to share in the work of spreading the gospel. Jesus' work is focused on bringing more and more people into the kingdom of God. What a great reminder of our on-going mission as follower of Jesus and members of this congregation.

The weekend of February 17<sup>th</sup>, the Gospel lesson gives us a seat in the audience as Jesus lays out the path of true blessing in life, while at the same time warning against becoming ensnared by the false and fleeting comfort offered by the things of this world. Followers of Jesus Christ living in a sinful world will always be out of step with the world around them. But that's OK, at least according to Jesus: "*Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.*" On the final weekend in February we will continue to learn from Jesus as he reminds us to love even our enemies, and to "be merciful, just as your Father in heaven is merciful" (Luke 6:27 – 38.)

Throughout his life, Jesus showed himself to be true God and Savior of all by the works he did and the lessons he taught. The Epiphany season gives us the opportunity to know our Savior a little better. It's never been more important to know the "real" Jesus. We live at a time when so many popular opinions (about religion, politics, health care, environmental issues, etc.) seem to be based on feelings and personal opinions rather than solid facts and absolute truth. Too many people are satisfied with knowing what they have heard about Jesus, or what they assume must be true. The light of Epiphany reveals the real Jesus ... the Jesus we all need!

We all needed a Savior who could live and die as our Substitute. We all needed a Savior who would not treat us as our sins deserve. We all needed a powerful Savior with love and compassion for all, even for people like you and me.

It is my prayer that this extended Epiphany season will be a blessing to you. Epiphany will help us see Jesus a little more clearly. Then when Lent finally arrives in March, we will be ready to follow Jesus to the cross, knowing that he went to that horrible place of death willingly, because he wanted us to live with him forever.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS



Delores Philipps (2/3)  
John Geldon (2/3)  
Donna Liesener (2/7)  
Frank Dohrwardt (2/11)  
Betty Ann Wolfgram (2/12)  
Clifford Butzke (2/18)  
Jewel Butzke (2/19)  
Betty Gumm (2/21)  
Hildegard Brandt (2/26)

## CHURCH NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Beginning with the March issue, the Good News will be printed and available for pick up in the gathering space. Shut-ins will continue to receive their copy in the mail, and the newsletter will still arrive in your email inbox as usual. If you would like to have your name added to the email list, please email the church office at [church@davidstar.org](mailto:church@davidstar.org)

## 175th ANNIVERSARY HISTORICAL BOOKS

The books are in the gathering space and are available to members of our congregation. Please take a booklet if you would like one for your family. There is no charge for the booklet. They were paid for through our Anniversary Celebration Fund. If you would like to make a donation for the booklet, please put a few dollars in the offering plate.

## OVERSTOCK

The office has a limited number of older edition Catechisms, no longer in use in the classrooms. If you would like one you may pick one up from the office. We also have a number of DVD's of "To the Ends of the Earth" available in the gathering space. If you would like to make a donation for either of these items, please put a few dollars in the offering basket.

## MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Every year in November, a sign-up sheet goes out so our church members can beautify the altar for weekend worship through their donation of flowers. The two altar flower arrangements are then delivered to others by volunteers. This program is intended to cheer and comfort members of the congregation who are sick or shut-ins, and to celebrate baptisms or birthdays for those 90 and older. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time to be a part of this ministry at David's Star. Volunteers pick up the flowers after late church on Sunday and deliver them on their own time schedule to hospitals, senior facilities or homes. Volunteers need to provide their own transportation. Volunteers commit to one month at a time, usually keeping the same month as long as they participate in the program. Multiple volunteers cover the busy month of December. Would you give 1 hour a week, a few times a year to help brighten the day of one of your brothers or sisters in Christ at David's Star?

We currently have openings for 3 months, as well as the opportunity to pick up a week or two in December. Please contact Lynet Steele by calling or texting 414-510-8623.

**LADIES' AID MEETING - TIME CHANGE** - Come join us on Valentine's Day, February 14 for our Ladies' Aid Meeting at 6:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. After our short meeting, we will have a speaker from Christian Family Solutions.

**SPEAKER FROM CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS (WLCFS)** - Everyone is invited to hear Pastor James Mattek speak about 3 areas of WLCFS on February 14 at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. There will be special Valentine Treats for everyone. Pastor James Mattek from Christian Family Solutions (WLCFS) speak about 3 areas of WLCFS: *Christian counseling* – They use counselors to help those who are hurting. This ministry helps people with a variety of problems: marital issues, problems with children, parents, grief, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, PTSD, and internet pornography addiction. People who are not within driving distance of a clinic can connect face-to-face with a counselor via video. Pastor Mattek will demonstrate how this works by having a counselor live on the screen during the presentation. Pastor Mattek will also talk about *Assisted Living* and *in-home help*.



**LENT 2019**  
**Lenten Service Times**  
**3:45 & 7:00 PM**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday)**

**Pastor Loescher (David's Star, Jackson)**

Three Words of Truth: Is It I?  
Matthew 26:20-25

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Henning, (St. Lucas, Kewaskum)**

Three Words of Truth: Love One Another  
John 13:31-35

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Rohrback, (Redeemer, Cedarburg)**

Three Words of Truth: Watch and Pray  
Matthew 26:35-41

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Woldt, (David's Star, Jackson)**

Three Words of Truth: I am He  
John 18:3-9

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Pastor Loescher, (David's Star, Jackson)**

Three Words of Truth: What is Truth?  
John 18-33-40

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Pastor Hoogervorst, (St. Lucas, Kewaskum)**

Three Words of Truth: Take Him Away!  
John 19:14-18

## LENTEN MEALS

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** Our Lenten meal is offered Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> between 4:45 and 6:30 PM in the gym. Eight organizations at David's Star are willing to serve a meal for this fellowship opportunity.

**Everyone is invited to help** with donations of food and/or serving. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. Thank you.

**March 6** - Ladies' Aid will serve German Potato Salad and ham

**March 13** - Oasis Bible Study groups will serve chili and macaroni & cheese

**March 20** - Teen A.I.R. will serve family favorite slow cooker meals

**March 27** - Dartball Team and OWLS will serve shredded chicken on a bun with a variety of salads

**April 3** – Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study will serve Sloppy Joe sandwiches

**April 10** – Choir and Adult Handbells will serve baked potatoes and casseroles

### Call News

Members of David's Star, this letter is to inform you that I have received a call to be the principal and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Lamb of God Lutheran School, from Woodlawn Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI. I ask for your prayers and thoughts concerning both calls, here at David's Star and the call to Lamb of God. In Christ, Scott Beyersdorf

### THANK YOU!!

A big THANK YOU to our council and board members, outgoing, incoming and incumbents for giving of your time and talents to help keep our congregation running smoothly!



## 2019 David's Star Council and Board Members

### COUNCIL

President	Paul Steinbrenner
Vice President	Todd Backus
Stewardship	David Zarlring
Bldg. & Grounds	Glenn Miller
Spiritual Growth	Jon Kruse
Secretary	Mark Ahrens
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Elder	Dan Bolha
Evangelism	Andrew Loescher
Board of Education	Jason Walz

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Jim Siebers
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Jeff McCoy
Jeff Munn
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Steve Bintz
John Goll
Michael Loescher

### COUNCIL CAPSULE - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

#### Membership Changes (since 2018 Annual Mtg)

##### Incoming:

Becker, Kyle

*Adult Confirmation*

Becker, Michelle

*Profession of faith*

Bindrich, Clint & Melissa, Layla

*Adult Confirmation/Profession of Faith*

Cotter, Michael & Theresa

*Transfer from Shepherd of the Hills, West Bend, WI*

Fick, Willis & Karen

*Transfer from St. Paul's, Slinger, WI*

Herther, Theresa

*Adult Confirmation*

Kreuser, Tim & Dawn

*Profession of Faith*

Markgraf, Ryan & Amelia, Ralph, Ada,  
Josephine  
*Transfer from Grace, Milwaukee, WI*  
Pomeranke (Gierach), Mary Ann  
*Transfer from St. John's, Lannon, WI*  
Raabe, Lorraine  
*Transfer from Risen Savior, Milwaukee,  
WI*  
Sloan, Adam  
*Adult Confirmation*  
Thompson, Troy  
*Adult Confirmation*  
Zetley, Kristen; Owen  
*Transfer from Christ Alone, Thiensville*  
Zietlow, Paul  
*Profession of faith*

Outgoing:

Bintz, Joshua & Andrea  
*Transfer to Trinity, Waukesha, WI*  
Nicholas Brazell  
*Transfer to Crown of Life, Hubertus, WI*  
Bublitz, Austin  
*Transfer to Peace, Hartford, WI*  
Deming, Briana  
*Transfer to Trinity (ELS), West Bend, WI*  
Gromacki, Loni  
*Transfer to St. John's, Wauwatosa, WI*  
Harting, Michael & Miranda; Mya, Michael  
*Transfer to Trinity (ELS), West Bend, WI*  
Lau, Aimee (Matter)  
*Transfer to St. Andrew, Middleton, WI*  
Lehman, Brandon & Jennifer; Peyton,  
Jordan  
*Transfer to Christ, Pewaukee, WI*  
Muhonen, Dale & Lisa; Dylan  
*Released from membership*  
Snyder, Sara  
*Transfer to Deer Valley, Phoenix, AZ*  
Tews, Justin  
*Release from Membership*  
Vogel, Oliver  
*Released from membership*  
Zajkowski, Ed & Sue  
*Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend,  
WI*

**Signing of Constitution by new members and motion to receive as Voting Members.**

No new voting members.

**Pastors' Report – Pastor Woldt**

Both pastors are thankful for the support at David's Star. Pastoral service outside the congregation: Pastor Woldt: Martin Luther College Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of the Southeastern Wisconsin District; Pastor Loescher: LWMS Pastoral Advisor, KML Pastor Conference Program Committee.

**Principal's Report – Tim Gustafson**

The teachers are also thankful for all the support of the congregation. Also noted was support from Parent's Group and the Golf Outing helping with non-budgeted items.

**Treasurer's Report – Josh Boeldt**

Over \$125,000 brought in last year, above and beyond operating fund offerings, missions, and building fund debt account. There was a shortfall in the Ministries Beyond our Congregation.

**Election Results**

President, Paul Steinbrenner; Vice President, Todd Backus; Secretary, Mark Ahrens; Board of Elders, Roger Tews, Jim Siebers; Board of Education, Jeff McCoy, Jeff Munn; Building and Grounds, Todd Schrap, Michael Loescher.

**Church Council - Paul Steinbrenner**

Church history booklet was put together

**Building and Grounds - Glenn Miller**

Thanks to all who donate time and materials. Discussed selective thinning of church woods.

**Evangelism Committee - Andrew Loescher**

Thanks to those involved with the Living Nativity (specifically the Hartwigs and Maney's for hosting the event) and those involved with committee work. If we notice someone new, greet them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Information Regarding Support for DS students at WELS Ministerial Ed schools**

Pastor Woldt discussed the matching program from MLC. A question was raised regarding potential of supporting WLC students and plans to try to collect enough for our students to get a full \$1,000 match.

**Approved Recommendations**

The 2019 budget was passed as presented

A \$50.00 tuition rate increase for all grades

Make whole major intents to WELS, KML Operating, and KML Capital Fund using \$10,205.92 from the 2018 operating surplus, and \$3,063.86 from the DS Gift Trust Fund annual distribution.

**DS KMLHS Lay Delegates for 2019 – 2020**

Reverend Dr. Joel Pless – Head Delegate  
Steve Bintz  
Clif Koeller  
Paul Kuber  
Josh Wolfgram  
Tim Zimmerman



## PARISH NURSE NEWS

### Be Antibiotics Aware

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is advising patients and their families to use antibiotics only when necessary to further reduce antibiotic resistance, the spread of superbugs, and protect patients from side effects from antibiotics. During U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week and throughout the year, CDC promotes Be Antibiotics Aware, an educational effort to raise awareness about the importance of safe antibiotic use.

The Be Antibiotics Aware initiative educates the public about when antibiotics are needed, when they are not, how to take antibiotics appropriately, and potential side effects of antibiotics.

CDC encourages patients and families to:

- Get the facts about antibiotics. Antibiotics do not work on viruses, such as those that cause colds, flu, bronchitis, or runny noses, even if the mucus is thick, yellow, or green. When antibiotics aren't needed, they won't help you, and the side effects could still hurt you.
- Ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist about the best way to feel better.
- While your body fights off a virus, pain relievers, fever reducers, saline nasal spray or drops, warm compresses, liquids, and rest can help you feel better.
- If you need antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed. Talk with your doctor if you have any questions about your antibiotics.
- Talk with your doctor if you develop any side effects, especially severe diarrhea, since that could be a *Clostridioides difficile* (C. difficile or C. diff) infection, which needs to be treated.
- Do your best to stay healthy and keep others healthy by cleaning hands, covering coughs, staying home when sick, and getting recommended vaccines, such as the flu vaccine.

CDC encourages patients and families to use the educational resources and learn more about Be Antibiotics Aware by visiting: [https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/?s\\_cid=NCEZID-AntibioticUse-023](https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/?s_cid=NCEZID-AntibioticUse-023).

Together in Christ,  
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## 2019 SCHEDULE

February 24<sup>th</sup>; March 24<sup>th</sup>; April 28<sup>th</sup>;  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>; July 28<sup>th</sup>; August 25<sup>th</sup>; September 22<sup>nd</sup>;  
October 27<sup>th</sup>; November 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### CAMM (Central Africa Medical Mission) Update

I pray each of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and are now experiencing a great start to the new year. As you might expect, working with CAMM is never dull and is always filled with numerous blessings mixed in with a few challenges.

Beth and Gary Evans are completing their first year in Malawi and we give thanks for all they have done. They are well respected by the staff and those who attend the clinics.

Our clinic in Zambia is continuing to experience changes. Missionary Dan Sargent has returned stateside to serve the people in the Peshtigo WI area. That left a huge void for our clinic as he oversaw all clinic operations. The Lord placed Stefan Felgenhauer and his family in Zambia to assist everyone during this transition. The CAMM stateside committee will be discussing some longer-term transitions at our next meeting. The clinic hours and medical demands do not allow Jackson Kalekwa enough time for admin responsibilities so we will be looking at a clinic administrator position for Zambia which will hopefully be filled by a LCCA member. More details on this transition will follow in the months ahead.

Also, the Antioch Foundation has approved a \$30,000 grant to CAMM for the purchase of our new ambulance. Part of the proposal is that we must raise a significant portion of the cost - which many schools and ladies fundraising have already contributed to. The ambulance was ordered a couple weeks ago and should be delivered to Malawi by late summer. Praise and thanksgiving for all of your efforts. I know many of you are collecting donations for the entire year and some for the second semester. Every dollar gets us closer to our goal. Do not underestimate our appreciation for your work to help the Lutheran Mobile Clinic. I look forward to traveling to some of your schools in spring to share the work of CAMM with you.

God's continued blessings  
In Christ, Linda Liesener

**IRONMEN OF GOD** - The 6th annual Ironmen of God men's conference will be held Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Ixonia. Come and hear God's word aimed straight at men! Speakers and registration info at [www.ironmenofgodwi.org](http://www.ironmenofgodwi.org).

## LUTHER PREP SCHOOL-WATERTOWN AUCTION GALA

Donations of new items are currently being accepted for the Luther Prep Auction Gala to be held on Saturday, April 13. If you have something to share it can be brought to the Mission Advancement office anytime during the LPS school day. Ideas would include - gift cards for national chains (gas/dining), cabin stays, pair of tickets to an event, and specialty type gift baskets. If you cannot attend the Gala in person this would be a great way to show support! Monetary donations can be made online: <https://events.readysetauction.com/lutherpreparatoryschool/galaxiv> **Deadline for donations is February 28.** Questions? Contact Sue at 920-262-8104. Your support benefits future pastors, teachers, and lay leaders.

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### THE WELSMEN

The Welsmen is a local lay organization of the WELS Church system and are looking for new members. The Welsmen is a great organization focused on networking for men who have similar beliefs / interests, expanding our knowledge of WELS programs / spirituality, and providing financial assistance for various charitable organizations! Check out our website at [www.welsmen.com](http://www.welsmen.com) for more information or take a brochure from the kiosk in the gathering space.

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### MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: BUILT ON THE ROCK) will be held at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on Saturday, **February 9, 2019**. Please go online at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Hope to see you there!