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Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## ***“Recharge the Batteries”***

*By Pastor Woldt*

When we prepare for a camping trip, one of the pieces of equipment we check is the flashlight. The flashlight needs fresh batteries. We want our light to shine brightly on those long, dark walks to the washroom facilities (or outhouse) at night. A bright light helps to keep you on the path. A bright light helps you avoid tripping on large rocks and roots. A bright light helps you identify the source of noise coming from the trees on your left or right. Without fresh batteries, the beam from the flashlight might dim or even die.

We all need to recharge our spiritual batteries too. All of us experience times when our spiritual “batteries” are fresh. We may not remember it, but they were fully charged at the time of our baptism. The Holy Spirit created a childlike faith in our hearts and forged our relationship with Jesus in a miraculous way. For those of us raised in a Christian home, the Bible stories our parents shared, the songs they taught us to sing and the prayers they taught us to pray kept that flame of faith burning brightly.

Formal study of Christian doctrine in Luther’s Catechism had our spiritual batteries so charged up that we were willing to stand before the congregation at the time of our confirmation and vow that nothing would keep us from believing and confessing God’s truth revealed in the pages of Holy Scripture.

Perhaps our spiritual batteries were fully charged again as we went through a dark or difficult time. We went to the Lord for help and comfort, and he provided encouragement and endurance through Word and sacrament, and through Christian friends who repeated the promises of God to us, promises that we have known so well.

However, just like those batteries in the flashlight that have been sitting unused since the camping trip last year ... our spiritual

batteries can start to dim. They dim when the busy routine of everyday life crowd out time for reflection on God’s Word and prayer. Our spiritual batteries start to dim when we are constantly and only surrounded by the messages and attitudes of the world in which we live. Our spiritual batteries dim when we become comfortable with our own favorite sins and spiritual complacency.

The devil even misuses the gospel message to drain our spiritual batteries even more. His satanic message sounds something like this: “Jesus died for your sins and you are already forgiven SO ... you really don’t need to go to church or receive the sacrament, do you?” Fall for the devil’s lies and your faith, once bright, may die.

Our Lord has a different message for us. “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Our spiritual batteries are recharged every time we remember what Jesus did to save us from our sins and eternal death. Our spiritual batteries are recharged when we gather with brothers and sisters in Christ to sing the praise of our Savior and to speak his word to each other.

We all need to recharge our spiritual batteries, because we live in a dark world. Jesus once said, “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness” (John 12:46). Jesus is our light! Let’s recharge our spiritual batteries often, so we can “Let Our Light Shine!”

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## Happy Birthday Seniors!!

Anita Eulert...8/9/1919...94 yrs. old  
Vernon Schultz...8/14/1929...84 yrs. old  
Lillian Hollmann...8/25/1031..82 yrs. old



## AUGUST 2013 GREETERS

August 4

7:45 LaVerne Groth  
9:30 Doris Beine and girls

August 11

7:45 Jody & Amy Hansen  
9:30 Mike Kempfert family

August 18

7:45 Kathleen & Bonnie Bublitz  
9:30 Paul & Sharon Weis

August 25 (Mission Festival – church woods)

7:45 No Service  
9:30 Joe & Lora DuFore & family

## BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

**MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY** at Jimmy's in Jackson meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00 am.

**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](mailto:kurt.loescher@gmail.com).

**MISSION FESTIVAL** is Sunday, August 25th, 2013 at 9:30 in our church woods. Joey Schumann and the Lutheran Ceili Orchestra will be participating in the service. Pastor James Behringer, the administrator for WELS Special Ministries, will be the guest speaker for this service. A fellowship meal will be served after the service. Installation of our fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Lora DuFore will also take place in this service.

**MISSION FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS** are needed for Mission Festival. There are a number of opportunities for fellowship and service for our Savior on Saturday, August 25 as well as Sunday, August 26. Sign up sheets are available in the new gathering space. Please consider joining us as we prepare for this service in our woods.

**SCHOOL OPENING CHAPEL SERVICE** On Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> we will begin our 171<sup>th</sup> school year with a church service at 8:45 a.m. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. The students should go to their respective classrooms when they come to school. School will begin at 8:30 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m. (4K & 5K - 8:30-11:30 Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>) and (3K – 8:30-11:30 Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>)

**David's Star Church  
Council Meeting Capsule**

*July 9, 2013*

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Kevin Behm, David Zarling, Dennis Bell, Andy Loeffler, Kurt Henning.

Absent: Jim Korthals, Bob Heider.

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 June 11, 2013.

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

**Incoming:** Herther, Brennan  
*Transfer from Peace, Hartford, WI*  
Zachow, Jon  
*Adult confirmation*

**Outgoing:** Kison, Brian  
*Transfer to Bethlehem,  
Menomonee Falls, WI*  
Mathiak, Adam  
*Transfer to Our Savior, Bismarck, ND*  
Smith, Marcus & Emilie; Paisley  
*Transfer to Shepherd of the Hills,  
West Bend, WI*  
Woldt, Joseph & Julia  
*Transfer to St. Paul, Green Bay, WI*

**Pastors' Report**

**Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919**

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**Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019**

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No report.

**President's Report**

**Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419**

**[brianandpam1@att.net](mailto:brianandpam1@att.net)**

Constitution and Bylaws – The council is in the process of reviewing the first draft of the proposed changes. The Constitution/Bylaws outline how changes are presented and approved. The exact dates and timing of these events will be presented in the Sunday bulletin. This will happen after the Council has an opportunity to review the proposal.

Teacherage/Parish Center – The Council will be requesting the following motion at the voters meeting: “The Council is hereby given the authority to dispose of the Parish Center in the most cost-effective and expeditious manner. This would include filling in the basement and planting grass.”

Thanks – As always, a thanks needs to go out to a lot of groups and individuals that bring us all the special events. I can't forget all those who work quietly behind the scenes to make everything operate as smoothly as it does.

**Board for  
Buildings and Grounds  
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797  
[klhhrconst@gmail.com](mailto:klhhrconst@gmail.com)**

The main lawn area and soccer field has been fertilized. Special thanks to Randy Vogel for donating the fertilizer.

The IMC area is nearing completion. Special thanks to Dave Krause for the electrical work, Mike Bublitz and Dale Behm for the drywall work.

The corner pine trees on Church and Western have been trimmed below the electric lines. The remainder is to be taken down by our members to allow for a new sign.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms need to be re-carpeted. This will be covered under new business.

A new lawn mower needs to be purchased. This will be covered under new business.

The bleachers in the gym have been removed and new bleachers will be installed during the school summer break.

**Board for Elementary Education  
Bob Heider, Telephone #262.644.1726  
[bhheider@charter.net](mailto:bhheider@charter.net)**

**Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 262.338.3992  
[tgustafson@davidstar.org](mailto:tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

Tim reported that we are in need of a congregational credit card. Tim, the school secretary, and the church secretary could be authorized to use this. A motion was made and carried to proceed with obtaining a credit card for these purposes with a credit card limit of \$5000.00. Randy will contact BMO Harris to set this up.

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

The Board of Elders welcomed Paul Weis to replace Bill Truebenbach who has left the board.

The Called Workers Care Committee will be setting up interviews in the next couple of weeks.

The OWLS group has set their initial meeting for July 15<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be open to all who are interested in the presentation.

We are soliciting families who may be interested in accessing the available funds for KML tuition this year. There appears to be about \$2,800.00 available for assistance.

I have requested to have an update meeting with the Technology Committee sometime in the next several weeks.

**Evangelism Committee**  
**David Zarling, Telephone # 414.839.0094**  
**david.zarling@gmail.com**

The new member welcome on June 30th was successful. Pertaining to the Cedarburg Outreach Group, interviews were held in mid-June with Cedarburg leadership groups. There is a desire to utilize the property at Redeemer, Cedarburg for athletic facility purposes. This would help Redeemer become more visible to the community. Some joint activities that are being considered as a result of this include: a Living Nativity with the Cedarburg Christmas Committee, Piggyback mailing with Redeemer and Trinity, Pleasant Valley Road, and projects that Redeemer might do that may require more help than they have available. David's Star and Trinity, Pleasant Valley Road, could help with these projects.

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

No report.

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

Andy reported that we had a very successful Vacation Bible School in early June with over 100 children involved. Of these 100 children, 40 had no connection with David's Star. Thanks to Doris Koeller for coordinating this program.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585**  
**matters@nconnect.net**

The June 30,, 2013 report was presented indicating an ending operating fund balance at 6/30/13 in the amount of (\$67,787), representing an increase in our deficit

during the month in the amount of \$16,788. Operating fund receipts for the month were \$62,783 which is a 80% of our budget.

**Vice Presidents Report**  
**Dan Bolha, Telephone #262.677.3485**

No report.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Constitution and Bylaws – Patrick Steele made a presentation to Council of proposed changes that his committee has recommended to the constitution and bylaws. After reviewing these proposed changes and some discussion, it was decided that Patrick would email Brian a copy of his draft. Brian would then forward the draft to Council members for their comments and concerns. Council's goal will be to discuss at the next Council meeting, make a presentation of the revised constitution at the October voters meeting, and have a vote take place at the January voters meeting. As WELS may be required to approve constitutional changes, we may try to get by with changing only the bylaws.

Carpeting - A motion was made and carried to approve the replacement of carpeting the in the 5th and 5th grade classrooms as a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 with funds coming from the Building & Improvement Fund.

New Lawn Mower – We are in need of a new 48 inch lawn mower to be used for the church cemetery and the grounds. We have a special designated fund for lawn mower replacement which presently holds \$7,500.00. A motion was made and carried to recommend to the voters that we purchase a new lawn mower with a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 with \$7,500.00 coming from the lawn mower replacement fund and the remainder of the funds coming from the cemetery fund.

Items for Voters (for the July 11th voters meeting)  
Recommendation regarding teacherage/parish center  
Election to fill elder vacancy  
Purchase of new lawn mower

Next month's meeting is Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. The next Voters meeting will be Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 8:00 PM.

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

Respectively submitted,

Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary  
kevinbehm@att.net.



## Parish Nurse News

### The Childhood Obesity Epidemic

Since 1980, childhood obesity rates have Tripled! If the current trend continues, more than 86% of adults in the United States will be overweight or obese by the year 2030. The concern increases all the more when obesity begins in childhood! So...how did this become a problem so quickly?!

*One Reason might be Daily Activity (or the lack of it!)*

- *1 in 4 children does not participate in ANY free-time physical activity.*
- *Children spend an average of 7.5 hours a day using entertainment media.*
- *Less than 25% of high schoolers take daily gym classes.*
  - *4.5 hours are spent watching TV.*
- *Each daily hour of TV increases the prevalence of being overweight by 2%.*

www.NourishInterActive.com is a fun interactive nutrition education site that gives families the knowledge and skills they need to make healthier choices. There is even a children's BMI Calculator under "Nutrition Tools". Check it out! Then, turn off the electronics one night a week and go outside and play! Mom, Dad and kids...all of you!

Why? Scripture tells us..."Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20."

*Source: CDC, Mayo Clinic, NIV*

### Albrecht Free Clinic – Wish List

The clinic serves 1,200 residents of Washington County who are uninsured or underinsured with free medical care, giving hope to many! Numerous area health care professionals volunteer their time! With the Elder's and Pastor's blessing the Parish Nurses are giving the people of David's Star a chance to support the efforts that Dr. Albrecht began years ago. Starting in August, we'll be collecting donations of over-the-counter health related type items (Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) A comprehensive wish-list was sent home in the bulletin and is now available by a collection bin in the gathering space near the Health Office. Please consider joining the parish nurses in this effort to help a wonderful community resource for God's people who need help with health care.

Together in Christ,

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

parishnurse@davidstar.org 677-3485

**Quarterly Voters Meeting  
July 11, 2013**

David's Star Ev. Lutheran Church,  
Jackson, WI 8:00 pm

The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Woldt.

The meeting was called to order by temporary congregational meeting chairman Patrick Steele.

A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the April voters meeting.

The agenda was adopted by the voters.

**Membership Report (since April Meeting)**

Incoming: Herther, Brennan

*Transfer from Peace, Hartford, WI  
Lindstadt, Brenda*

*Confirmation*

Schleicher, Mary

*Adult confirmation*

Schlefke, Jennifer

*Adult confirmation*

Wagie, John & Beth

*Transfer from Our Savior, Grafton, WI*

Zachow, Jon

*Adult confirmation*

Zajkowski, Ed & Sue

*Profession of Faith*

Outgoing: Herther, Megan

*Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI  
Kison, Brian*

*Transfer to Bethlehem,  
Menomonee Falls, WI*

Liesener, Jordan

*Transfer to Our Savior, Grafton, WI*

Mathiak, Adam

*Transfer to Our Savior, Bismarck, ND*

Smith, Marcus & Emilie; Paisley

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

Truebenbach, William & Mary

*Transfer to Morning Star, Jackson, WI*

Woldt, Joseph & Julia

*Transfer to St. Paul, Green Bay, WI*

**Signing of Constitution by new voters**

No new members were present.

**Pastors' report**

**(Pastor Loescher, 677-0919,**

**[kloescher@davidstar.org](mailto:kloescher@davidstar.org) and**

**Pastor Woldt, 377-1019, [woldt@nconnect.net](mailto:woldt@nconnect.net) )**

Pastor Woldt is completing 13 years here at David's Star, while Pastor Loescher is completing 11 years here. Both pastors are expecting their first grandchildren. Pastor Woldt attended the District conference at the seminary in June.

Dan Bolha will be our lay delegate at the upcoming synod convention, while Tim Gustafson will be a delegate from our staff. At the convention, a new translation for the Bible may be considered for adoption to be used for our synod publications.

**President's report**

**(Brian Lee, [Brian.Lee@jci.com](mailto:Brian.Lee@jci.com) )**

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**Treasurer's report**

**(Randy Matter, 376-1585,  
[matters@nconnect.net](mailto:matters@nconnect.net) )**

Randy highlighted the June 30 financial report. There is an ending deficit balance in the operating fund of \$67,787. Operating fund receipts in the amount of \$460,848 is 96.57% of budget. YTD Let our Light Shine receipts total \$110,467.

**Board of Elders**

**(Dennis Bell, 677-2248,  
[dandmbell@yahoo.com](mailto:dandmbell@yahoo.com) )**

The board welcomed the new members of David Krause, Terry Hansen, and Chairman Dennis Bell. The NIV 1984 Bible is no longer legal for use in printing in the worship folders. The NIV 1984 could be read in church, but not printed. It was recommended that the pastors use the NIV 2011 both in the pulpit and in our worship folders. Kris Eggers has been appointed the Worship Music Coordinator.

There was discussion among voters regarding an inquiry on whether consideration was being given to adding a contemporary service. Music worship style will continuously be under consideration and discussion.

**Board for Elementary Education (Bob Heider )**

We will need to elect a person to replace Bill Truebenbach on our committee. Paul Weis has graciously accepted the temporary assignment to fill in for the position.

The Called Worker Care Committee will be setting up the interviews shortly with all of our called workers.

We are working with the Technology Committee to research the feasibility and best available solutions for meeting audio/visual needs in our current worship

space. A meeting is being planned in the upcoming weeks.

We will be distributing the available funds, approximately \$2,800, for KML tuition assistance again this year.

The newly formed OWLS group is having an open meeting on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss how to deal with aging family members. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to hear the presentation.

The Parish Nurses have been very busy over the past quarter with blood pressure screenings, visiting the shut-ins, as well as attending workshops. Sue Bolha continues to volunteer on the WELSNA council as the WELS Parish Nurse Council Coordinator. The Baby Bottle Change for Life Program saw 50 plus families participating. The final amount donated has not yet been calculated as we wait for the last few bottles to come in.

The elder committee has been busy contacting those who we haven't seen in our presence lately. Let all of us pray for those members.

As always, gentlemen, please stay in the Word and pray for your Pastors and all of our called workers.

#### **Spiritual Growth Committee (Andy Loeffler )**

Andy distributed a report to the voters highlighting information relative to Vacation Bible School which was held June 17-21 for children ages 3 year to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Highlights from this year's camp:

105 students (approximately 50 from outside David's Star)

32 teen helpers (6<sup>th</sup> grade to high school)

19 adult helpers

We are very grateful to Doris Koeller (coordinator) and the many people who volunteered time, material, food, and effort to make this wonderful event successful.

#### **Evangelism Committee (David Zarling, 674-1094, [david.zarling@gmail.com](mailto:david.zarling@gmail.com) )**

The new member integration committee is led by Troy Schmeling. Kristina Schmeling is our new member biographer. The new member welcome event took place on Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>. The fish boil was well-attended. Thanks to Nelson Erdman with his work on the marketing committee. Thanks to Connie Enevold for managing our website. Thanks to Delores Philipps and Kathy Smith for organizing our greeters, and special thanks to Diane Kowalske and Kathy Smith for their welcoming efforts. Thanks to Todd and Mark Oestreich for helping install the ZvBox to broadcast information on gathering space TVs.

Pastor Loescher reported to the voters information pertaining to the Cedarburg Outreach Group.

#### **Stewardship Committee**

**(Jim Korthals, 242-8143, [korthalsj@wls.wels.net](mailto:korthalsj@wls.wels.net) )**

Although it is only the middle of summer, we are looking forward to the upcoming season. The present focus in Stewardship is preparation for the Fall Stewardship effort.

Christ's Love, Our Calling has been the theme for our synod's four-part stewardship program. Each year focuses on our use of spiritual gifts. Our focus for the fourth and final year of this series is our use of God's truth. The title for this year's emphasis is Love Speaks. Our goal is to encourage God's people to respond to the love of Christ by boldly and courageously speaking God's truth and witnessing their faith. This series is based on Paul's word in 2 Corinthians 4:13: "It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak."

All of the sermons and services, lessons and Bible studies will help encourage people in their sharing of God's Word in their everyday lives. That might sound more like an evangelism emphasis than what we normally think of as stewardship. It's a reminder that God's Word is not piecemeal but a seamless whole. The various teachings in Scripture often are connected and overlap.

**The sermon series will begin on Sunday September 1 and run through the week of Sunday September 29 (five weeks).**

**The Bible class series will begin on Sunday September 8 and run through the week of Sunday September 29 (four weeks).**

#### **Board for Buildings and Grounds**

**(Kurt Henning, 677-2797, [klhrconst@gmail.com](mailto:klhrconst@gmail.com) )**

Kurt reported that a water test that was recently done tested negative for benzyne. IMC work has been completed. The playground equipment has been installed. Arbor Night was a disappointment as only 10 to 12 people attended on both scheduled evenings. Thanks to Liesener Soils for providing bark and topsoil. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms will be re-carpeted. New bleachers will be installed in the gymnasium. Thanks to Dave Krause, Mike Bublitz, and Dale Behm for their work in the IMC area.

#### **Cemetery Committee (Wally Miller)**

No report.

#### **Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (Joel Pless)**

Graduation was held Memorial Day weekend. There will be a decline in enrollment in this coming school year as the incoming freshmen class numbers in the 70's while we graduated approximately 120 seniors. Thanks to all delegates who serve KML. Dedication of the new PAC will take place on Sunday afternoon September 29<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Board of Elders vacancy – Due to Bill Truebenbach's resignation from this Board, there has been a vacancy. Paul Weis has been serving on this Board temporarily, and has consented to continue serving in this capacity. As there were no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made and carried to elect Paul Weis as a replacement on the Board of Elders.

Council recommendation regarding teacherage/parish center – The church council recommends that the Voters allow the Church Council to determine the most appropriate method to dispose of the teacherage (parish center). A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

Council recommendation regarding purchase of lawn mower – The church council recommends that the Voters authorize the purchase of a new lawn mower at a price not to exceed \$15,000 with half of the money coming from the Building and Improvement Lawn Mower fund, and the other half of the money coming from the Cemetery fund. A motion was made and carried to accept this recommendation.

“Let Our Light Shine” Update – Pastor Woldt gave an update on this campaign. Just under 100 members returned commitment cards. \$250,000 has been pledged to date. Some calls will be made by committee members to additional possible givers.

## **Announcements**

Next voters meeting: October 10, 2013 at 8pm.

Reminder: Dan Bolha is serving as our delegate at the WELS Convention this summer.

Mission Festival: One service Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Meeting closed with a closing Prayer and Benediction by Pastor Woldt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin A. Behm, Recording Secretary  
([kevinbehm@att.net](mailto:kevinbehm@att.net))