



THE GOOD NEWS

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"JESUS"

by Pastor Woldt

How many times a day do you speak the name "Jesus"? I mean, how many times do you actually say, "Jesus" with the respect, adoration and love that name deserves? How much is "Jesus" a part of your everyday life?

I've been thinking about that question ever since a recent visit to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. While there, every administrator, professor and student spoke on the same theme ... "It's all about Jesus!" They each made it clear that Jesus was the focus of everything that happened at the seminary. Yes, students at the seminary learn how to preach, but the reason they preach is to proclaim Jesus! Yes, students at the seminary learn how to counsel as a pastor, but their counseling is focused on bringing people closer to Jesus! Yes, students at the seminary study Greek and Hebrew, but only because these original languages of the Bible help the students to see Jesus with more clarity on the pages of Holy Scripture. Everything is tied to Jesus!

Does each of us see our individual lives in relation to Jesus? Is our first thought in the morning, "I can face this day with confidence, because Jesus is with me"? Does it occur to us that "I am going to work today to bring glory to Jesus?" Do we remember that our baptism has connected us to Jesus, and that he lives in us and we in him, no matter where we are? Do we lay our heads on the pillow at night, secure in the peace of Jesus' forgiveness? When is the last time we spoke the name of Jesus to our children or our spouse, outside of a prayer at mealtime or bedtime? Do we even speak it then? I believe we could all benefit by speaking the name of Jesus more often!

Another prayer has been on my heart and mind lately. I pray that we, the members of David's Star,

begin to see Jesus more clearly in all the things we do together as a congregation. All of our ministry activities ought to have a clear connection to Jesus. Yes, we have a fine Christian school ... because we believe that the ministry of Christian education brings our children closer to Jesus. Yes, we maintain and refurbish our existing facilities, but not for the mere value of preserving the old. Well-maintained facilities help us honor the name of Jesus as we gather for worship. Yes, we are planning future expansion ... because we believe these facilities will give us more and better opportunities to talk about Jesus among ourselves and with others. It's all about Jesus!

My encouragement to you is this ... as you talk to your fellow members about present and future ministry at David's Star, keep the focus on Jesus. This side of heaven, believers will continue to have spirited discussions about how and when to spend ministry dollars. Believers will often have differences of opinion about which traditions ought to be retained or what changes need to be made. That's OK. God works through both conflict and agreement to accomplish his saving will. However, as we plan and discuss, agree and disagree, we dare never lose sight of Jesus.

Without Jesus, David's Star has no mission and no reason to exist. Without Jesus, our individual lives would be an exercise in futility, a gathering up and storing of things which will one day be taken from us. How miserable life would be without Jesus.

So keep talking about Jesus! Speak his name often today, and then speak it tomorrow! With our focus on Jesus, the Holy Spirit will bless us with the wisdom we need to face each new day and each new challenge.



Happy Birthday Seniors!

Gene Maciejewski...10/22/1924..82 yrs. old



LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

The Lord's Prayer is a model prayer for followers of Jesus. It is the most recognized prayer in the world, and the one most often spoken in worship by Christians today. This series will examine each petition of the Lord's Prayer and explain the gracious blessings that God is waiting to give those who ask, seek, and knock the way Jesus taught us.

- October 1 – Bivens **Forgive Us Our Sins**
Matthew 18:21-35
- October 8 – Mattek **Lead Us Not Into Temptation**
1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- October 15 – Pagels **Deliver Us from Evil**
Romans 8:18-23
- October 22 – Mueller **The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory Are Yours**
Matthew 6:33
- October 29 – Westendorf **Amen!**
James 1:6-8, 16-18

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER 2006

10/1/2006 7:45: Ross & Colleen Lemke
10:15: Brian & Pam Lee

10/8/2006 7:45: Jim & Jean Korthals
10:15: Dale & Barb Pratt

10/15/2006 7:45: Mark & Jennifer Otte
10:15: Daniel & Elaine Schubert

10/22/2006 7:45: Mike & Deb Boeldt
10:15: Curt & LuAnn DeHusson

10/29/2006 7:45: Gary & Holly Heckendorf
10:15: Tom & Jane Neuman

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THANKS GO TO Matt Hartwig and his business partner (Arborscape) for donating \$858 of shrubs and planting materials to the Loescher parsonage.

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WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY

All women of the congregation are invited join us as we continue to meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Our new study is The Beauty of a Simple Life-When Less is More. Please contact Colleen Loeffler at 677-2319 to reserve a copy of the book or if you have any questions. The cost is \$6.99 and checks should be made payable to David's Star Church.

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN GOD'S WORD GROUP

We are studying Pastor Mark Paustian's book, "Prepared To Answer." It is a helpful model for sharing one's faith by supplying Scripture-based responses to common objections to Christianity. Each session addresses different topics and it is not necessary to attend every session. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish. We meet in the school IMC at 7:00 pm. We will meet on Wednesday, October 4, 18, November 1 and 15. If you have any questions, please contact Char Kison at 677-2389.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

ARE YOU A BIT SHY ABOUT VISITING OUR SHUT INS OR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS???

There are several groups here at David's Star that offer opportunities to make visits to our people who, for one reason or another, can't worship with us at Church. We are very appreciative of those who help to keep these people connected to the body of Christ. The Ladies Aid makes Sunshine visits to members or hands out cookies at Christmas. The Tape Ministry volunteers faithfully deliver sermon tapes. The people on the flower committee deliver the alter flowers each week. The Shining Lights keep in contact with their group of members in a variety of ways. The Parish Nurses make visits and our school children go along with them on occasion.

Do you wonder what to do or what to say? Have you ever sat down on the nursing home residents' bed and had alarms go off? Should you pray with the resident? What do you do if someone has a question that you can't answer? All of these thoughts and more may keep us from enjoying the visit or bringing comfort to our fellow members in Christ.

That is why Pastor Woldt and I will be offering a **VISITORS WORKSHOP** on Sunday, January 7th between services, for anyone that is interested, whether you make visits or not. Any questions? Ask Sue Bolha RN, PN. Watch for more information in the coming months!

FYI The Washington County Public Health Department still has some low back booster seats that they want to GIVE away! If you are interested in a free booster seat please call Michelle or Jenny @ 335-4462.

Blessings of good health to you!

Sue Bolha RN, Parish Nurse

COUNCIL CAPSULE

A SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 2006 COUNCIL

Pastor's Report

(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919)
(Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019)

Pastors have started their individual visits with the elders and other core members for the "The Treasure of Every Treasured Soul" home visit program. We are attending a symposium at the Seminary on Sept 18, 19 on "Christian Vocation." The Kettle Moraine Conference is having a joint conference with two other pastoral conferences on Sept 26 & 27th in Mishicot, WI. We are planning to attend the congregational team workshops at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in October, and would encourage all congregational leaders to give this workshop serious consideration. Please also consider personally attending a bible class.

Thanks for your continued work, prayers and support on behalf of the gospel ministry here at David's Star and also through our synod.

President's Report

(Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585)

Building Committee—The Building Committee intends to ask the congregation for architect funding at the October voter's meeting. They are interviewing architects now and so they will have an idea of the level of funding needed, even if they do not have a specific recommendation as to which firm to engage. Included on the Design Committee are Prof James Korthals, Mel Heckendorf, Aaron Matter, and Tom Neuman, and one other member to be named.

Cemetery Committee—This issue is still pending. Issues that Wally Miller and I have identified for discussion are charging a plot maintenance fee, long-range planning for future expansion, how to handle pre-planning requests, a review of the permissible headstones, possible guidelines for cremation remains, and probably an overall review of the guidelines as listed in our constitution. We will also need to find another member for the committee with the passing of Howard Kaschner.

Congregational Team Workshops—Please turn your registration forms in to Phyllis by Friday, September 23. The date of the workshops is Saturday, October 21, 2006. We need to turn in registrations by September 30. This doesn't have to be an all-day affair if you can arrange your most interesting workshops in the proper timeframe.

Elections and Audit Committee—I am working on organizing the Nominating Committee and the Audit Committee. Positions that need to be filled in January include Chmn of Stewardship Committee, Chmn of Board of Building and Grounds, Chmn of Spiritual Growth, Treasurer, 2 members of Board of Elders (Clif Koeller, Steve Bintz), 2 members of Bd of Education (Gary Heckendorf, John Faltersack), 2 members of Board for Bldg & Grounds (David Miller and David Klug).

Church Redecorating Committee—The redecorating is moving nicely. The painting and papering is completed and the carpeting is being installed this week. There were very nice

crews for pew and carpeting removal and the pew re-set will be scheduled soon. A huge thank you goes to the committee for doing an excellent job of organizing this major undertaking! And a big thank you to Liesener Soils for allowing us to store the pews in three of their semi trailers.

Building Construction The Building Committee needs our direction in order to give the architects a budget. And we need to have a similar discussion at the October voter's meeting for the same reason.

Church redecorating committee has done an excellent job in overseeing the project

Pews are scheduled to go back in this week

Special thanks go to Jeff Wenzel and Dan Kufahl for all the help in the Church redecoration.

Buildings and Grounds Report

(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797)

It was moved and supported to remove some of the trees near the new sign to open up the sight line to the new sign. Sign on David's Star and Western has been started. The footings and block have been completed.

Footings were donated by Robert Schneiker and the block was donated by Doug Graff. David Klug and John Goll donated the digging for the new sign. More donations to follow

The school roof has developed a leak. Performance Roof Specialists were called in to patch the roof. They recommended that the 5th Grade and Kindergarten area be re-roofed. This will be included in the 2007 budget

The shelving in some of the hallways and closets has been completed. Material and labor were donated by Kurt and Lori Henning

Board of Elders

(Dennis Bell, Telephone #677-2248)

No report.

Board for Elementary Education (Patrick Steele, Telephone # #677-7673)

School/Church Picnic/Graduation

A Survey will be distributed in one of the up coming weeks asking for feedback on what the congregation would like to see in regards to the Graduation Picnic. The survey will be provided in the weekly bulletin one week before it is actually taken to give the congregation time to think about the options presented. Some of the items that feed back will be the requested about are

Separate Graduation Date – Maybe a Thursday evening before the end of the school year

A Early spring Church Picnic or combining it with another event

Alternative methods of financing the Picnic

Coordination with Buildings and Grounds

School cleanliness was brought up as an issue that needs to be addressed. It is important that the school is kept clean and presentable. This is difficult based upon the classroom size and storage area available to both students and teachers. This is an ongoing issue and will be discussed with the Teachers again in an up coming Teachers meeting.

Storage space will be evaluated again to see if there is any possibility of increasing the amount available or making better use of what is available.

The Inventory of school materials will be reevaluated to determine if there are any needs that can be fulfilled in the upcoming budget cycle.

Suggestions are being sought in regards to what can be done
School Board Treasurer

Gary will be leaving the School Board this year. Discussion about what will be the duties of the New Treasurer. These duties have changed over the recent years.

Everyone was asked to help identify a candidates for Gary's replacement

Athletics

Coaches voted on and approved

Soccer- Mr.. Giddings

Gr. 5-6 Volleyball – Mrs. Johnson

Gr. 7-8 Volleyball – Mrs. Koth and Mrs. Miller

Cross Country – Mr. Gustafson

Athletic standards

Coaches are asked to insure athletics are handing in a Christian like manor in regards to playing time and sportsmanship. These are important issues that need to be continually stressed.

Athletic Fields

The condition of the softball field backstop was discussed. Patrick will be contacting the Buildings and Grounds Committee to determine if something can be done to up grade the present condition of the field and **repair the backstop**.

Cell phone use by faculty during school time was discussed.

This issue was identified in the 2005-2006 survey. Mr.

Gustafson has addresses this with the individual teachers. It was decided that a written policy was not appropriate at this time.

The next Meeting will be Sept 26, 2006 @ 6:30

Evangelism Committee Report (Bob Traska, Telephone # 375-3877)

Request is made to Board of Elders to consider additional services in the Church Woods

Sign up sheets for greeters have been made available to the congregation. This allows members to pick a date, and the remaining dates will be filled through the usual methods We will be reviewing the listing from every member visits during the "Our Foundation. . ." promotion for possible implementation or comment on how we presently are doing certain of the items noted.

Spiritual Growth Report (Mark Otte, Telephone # 306-3521)

All Sunday Bible Classes have now resumed. We are now offering three Bible classes for adults, one for teens, as well as Children's Bible classes for ages 3 and up. Please join us as we dig deeper into the truths found in the Bible. The Sunday morning offerings for the first weeks are as follows:

Israel and the end times with Professor Bivens

The minor prophets with Professor Korthals

Fundamental Christian doctrine with Mark Otte

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Our church library continues to grow. Check it out in the IMC.

Stewardship Committee Report Jody Hansen, Telephone # 387-1154)

We met with Rod Kison and Todd Backus from the Stewardship Appeal Committee and discussed how we should move forward with the appeal process. It was decided that the Appeal Committee would become a sub committee of the Stewardship Committee and that Rod and Todd would take care of the tasks. We discussed the many different items that they will work on throughout the next three years, to keep the congregation informed on the appeal.

Shannon is working on putting together the budget sheets for each committee and board to start the planning of the 2007 budget. Please return or email, if possible, your information prior to the October Council meeting.

Pastor Loescher has begun meeting with the first group of people in the every member visit program. This group will visit a group of people, and then they will visit another group. We plan on having every member visited by the end of November.

We reviewed the offering envelope program for the year 2007 and have decided that no changes to the envelope are needed at this time. We will continue to monitor the use of the new envelopes and make decisions at that time.

Treasurer's Report
 (Chuck Gauger, Telephone # 677-4361)

GREETING 101

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR
August 2006

	Current Month Offerings	Average weekly offerings	Offerings Received thru 8/31/06	Offerings Budgeted thru 8/31/06
Operating	\$51,090	\$12,773	\$465,764	\$516,661
Missions	\$9,521	\$2,380	\$55,162	\$63,136
KML Operating	\$2,980	\$745	\$35,776	\$40,426
KML Building	\$912	\$228	\$11,375	\$13,333
"Together Shining Like the Stars..."	\$1,514	\$379	\$23,409	\$23,432

The deficit in our Operating Fund is: \$115,050

The deficit at the end of August 2005 was:
 \$117,473

The deficit at the end of August 2004 was:
 \$75,773

How often have you entered church and a pleasant smile and warm handshake are there to welcome you to worship. That smile and handshake belongs to one of our many GREETERS who volunteer to welcome you, our members, and our guests to the worship service.

Previously, we would call members who indicated a willingness to serve as greeters to fill the Greeter's Schedule. We would like to try a new approach to filling this schedule by the use of a "sign up" sheet located in the narthex of the church. The sign up sheet will allow members to select a service time that will fit into their schedules. Also, by signing up in this manner, members who have not been greeters in the past will have the opportunity to become a greeter. There will be sign up sheets for each month, with several of the future months available at a time.

We will continue to list the Greeter's Schedule in the monthly newsletter and in the bulletin each Sunday as a reminder to those who have signed up.

If you have been one of our greeters, many thanks to you for volunteering for this service to your congregation. If you have not been a greeter yet, please select a service time when you can help us out (and many thanks in advance to you also for considering this opportunity to serve).

A few notes to all greeters.

Please try to arrive approximately 20 minutes before the start of the service you will be greeting for. Also, instead of the RED "GREETER" pin, there are printed NAMETAGS that you can add your name to and wear while you are greeting the worshippers. While you know who you are; and many members may know you by name or sight; some may not associate the name and the face.

Also, if you feel someone may be a visitor, introduce yourself and give them an extra special warm welcome to our church.

Again, many thanks to everyone for helping with this very important program for our congregation.

The Evangelism Committee