

Good News

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“Vacation IN the Word!”

By Pastor Woldt

(This article is an edited version of the lead article for June 2001. Five years later, the message is still valid!)

Where do you spend your precious vacation time? Most people look for opportunities to kick back and relax a little. We want a chance to escape pressures of the workplace and spend quality time with family and friends. Amusement parks, resorts, cabins and campgrounds are favorite destinations. Perhaps gas prices will keep you a little closer to home this summer. As you finalize your summer plans, I want to encourage you to take a vacation IN the Word. That's right, a vacation IN the Word!

Jesus says, “Come to me all you who are wearied and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Take him up on his offer. Vacation IN the Word. If your summer is less structured than the rest of the year, you may actually have MORE time to spend reading your Bible, more time with your fellow Christians at church. The benefits will be tremendous!

As we vacation IN the Word, we escape the stress and pressure of guilt. The gospel holds the Savior before our eyes and invites us to find our joy and peace in him. As we vacation IN the Word, we spend time with family and friends who share our faith and support us on our journey to heaven. As we vacation IN the Word, God frees us to enjoy our work and our play, confident that we remain his beloved children through faith in Jesus.

Please note all the opportunities you have to vacation IN the Word right here at David's Star this summer. Regular worship services. Festival of Friendship. Family Bible Week. Mission Festival! Wouldn't it be great if our church attendance actually increased this summer! It could be argued that a strong commitment to regular worship on the part of our members is even more vital to future ministry plans than dollars collected from the stewardship appeal.

If your summer plans take you out of this area for an extended period of time, call the church office and ask for help in locating a WELS church near your vacation destination. Visiting other congregations helps us realize that we are part of a larger group of believers who all confess Jesus as Lord. And please feel free to share with the pastors or elders any new ministry and worship ideas you think might work at David's Star!

Satan would love it if we all took a vacation from the Word. Let's not give him that satisfaction. This summer, vacation IN the Word. You and your family will be blessed!





June Birthdays

Loretta Stauske..6/1/1919..87 yrs. old
 Pearl Gauger...6/2/1919..87 yrs. old
 Oliver Vogel..6/7/1924..82 yrs. old
 Anna Hardt..6/10/1923..83 yrs. old
 Ethel Miller..6/30/1924..82 yrs. old

GREETERS FOR JUNE 2006

6/4/2006 10:00 Paul & Beth Steinbrenner
 Randy & Karla Matter

6/11/2006 7:45 Richard & Gladys Oestreich
 9:30 Ken & Sue Berndt

6/18/2006 7:45 Bob & Lois Traska
 9:30 Todd & Patty Backus

6/25/2006 7:45 Matthew & Connie Enevold
 9:30 Mark & Laurie Bublitz

DAVID'S STAR EIGHTH GRADE CLASS 2006

Morgan Kylie Behm, Nicole Marie Guhl, Jerad Arthur Herther, Zachary David William Jahns, Harper Lee Johansen, Nathan Gerald Lamm, Douglas Raymond Marlow, Monica Lynn Pless, David Alan Porth, Monique Maggie Schowalter, Patrick James Thompson

Class Verse
 John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Class Hymn (CW 449)
 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Class Flower
 Rose

Class Color
 Hot Pink

Class Valedictorian
 Morgan Behm

Class Salutatorian
 Nicole Guhl

Parish Nurse News



Millions of brain cells die each minute a stroke is untreated

Stroke kills brain cells...

and leaves many survivors with physical and emotional disabilities.

Stroke is highly treatable in the first three hours

- For every hour of delay, the brain loses 120 million cells.
- In volume, a pea-sized area of brain dies every 12 minutes. Brain tissue larger than a ping-pong ball dies if a stroke is untreated.
- The brain ages 36 years during a typical 10-hour stroke.

Loss From a Typical Stroke

	Brain Cells	Accelerated Aging*
Per Second	32,000	8.7 hours
Per Minute	1.9 million	3.1 week
Per Hour	120 million	3.6 years
Per Stroke	1.2 billion	36 years

*Brain cells die during normal aging. Their loss during stroke is like accelerated brain aging.

Call 9-1-1 immediately if you have any stroke warning signs:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause



Every minute you wait

...hoping symptoms will go away, you lose nearly 2 million brain cells. Don't try to tough it out or call your doctor. You need emergency help!
 Dec. 9 issue of Stroke

MARK YOUR CALENDARS July 22nd is the date of our next **BLOOD DRIVE** here at David's Star. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the air-conditioned comfort of the blood mobile.

This year CPR classes are being offered at St. Joseph's Hospital. A Heartsaver CPR class in which a CPR completion card is received is being held on Thursday, July 27th or Thursday, September 14th. Either class is held at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$45 (book included). For those people not needing the completion card, a CPR for Family & Friends class is being offered on Tuesday, August 15th at 5:30 p.m. with a \$25 fee. There will be tuition reimbursement offered to any of our ushers to the Family & Friends class. Any questions? See Sue Bolha.



KETTLE MORAINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2006 GRADUATES

Below is a listing of the graduates from KMLHS and where they will be going after leaving high school.

- Andrew Bintz Carroll College; Business, Pre-Law
Timothy Brandt MATC; Landscaping
Amber Drenski Undecided; Work
Adam Faltersack UW-Green Bay; Undecided
Shannon Guhl Concordia; Medical
Teresa Hansen UW-Eau Claire; Undecided
Justin Klumb UW Washington County/ UW Whitewater; Business Mgmt.
David-Kufahl UW Oshkosh/UW Green Bay; Civil Engineering/Pre-Law
Lauren Marzinske Wisconsin Lutheran College; Elementary Education
Joel Neuman UW Washington County; Undecided
Eric Rusch Concordia; Business
Rebecca Rusch Martin Lutheran College; Elementary education
Charles Schowalter Martin Lutheran College; STEP Teaching/German
Holly Schowalter UW Washington County; Undecided
Erin Seider UW Madison/ Pharmacy
Jackie Thompson Concordia; Medical
Amanda Woldt Concordia; Nursing

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“How sweet are your words to my taste sweeter than honey to my mouth.”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! “FAMILY BIBLE WEEK” begins on Monday, July 31– Thursday, August 3rd.

Children and adults of all ages are welcome to come. This year’s FBW uses the world of food to bring out the truths of God’s word. Please join us this summer as we feed our soul with the rich food of the “Good News”. Supper will be served at 5:30 pm. There will be singing at 6:15 and bible lessons will start at 6:45. Come hungry! And remember to bring a friend. Registration is not mandatory but is helpful for making us better prepared to serve all who wish to come. (Watch for sign-up sheets in the narthex after July 1st.) Childcare provided for those three and under. For more information call: (262) 677-2412 or (262) 375-1843. FBW Web Site: www.davidstar.org

Summer Many of us enjoy the summer months to take time off

Summertime seems to be everyone's favorite time of the year. One of the ways we enjoy the summertime is by taking a vacation. Everyone enjoys being able to take time away from work, school or other responsibilities. One of the responsibilities we need to ensure we do not take time from is our stewardship.

Although we may take time off mentally and physically we should not take time off spiritually. Whether it is in our time we give to God in worship and devotions or in our gifts to God there is no place for vacation in our stewardship to God. Please remember this when you plan to take time off with family or friends this summer.

There are resources available to help you find the nearest church to your destination. We are blessed to have a congregation in a number of locations to where we enjoy taking a vacation. Also, you have a few options to continue your offerings for God through the work of David's Star. You can increase your offerings before or after your vacation to make up for the time you cannot be here to give your normal offering or you can send in your offering while you are away by utilizing the special envelopes provided to you in your normal offering envelope allotment.

Again, although we may take time off from our everyday responsibilities at work or at school we cannot take time off from our spiritual responsibilities God expects of us in our daily stewardship to him. Enjoy the summer and remember your stewardship to God.



COUNCIL CAPSULE

Pastor's Report

(Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 677-0919)

(Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 377-1019)

What a blessing to worship with so many members of David's Star at one time on May 7th. Thanks to all who worked to make the service and related funding appeal possible. Our district pastor-teacher-delegate convention is scheduled for June 6th & 7th at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon. Pastor Woldt has been asked to preach for the graduation service at KMLHS this year. Please remember our joint Ascension Service with Morning Star on May 25th.

President's Report

(Randy Matter, Telephone # 376-1585)

Rusch Land Development—According to Tony Gromacki, the Preliminary Plat should be approved by the state on May 10. Washington Co. Board will meet on May 24 and the Jackson Town Board on May 31 at which final approval should take place. The Town requires that we use a warranty deed to transfer the property to the church, they also want an easement drafted, and they want a review and the name of our lawyer for the conditional use permit. All of these documents may require legal expertise which, as far as I know, we do not have in the congregation. Randy met with Attorney Jim Aschenbrenner from a Jackson law firm to begin the document drafting process. It could cost the church "several thousand dollars" to protect our interests in the land and the access onto the road. **(It was determined that no attorney will be needed and that we can draft the documents ourselves.)**

Because of this land split, Washington County may require David Star to construct bypass lanes on Western at the intersection of David Star Drive.

Building Committee—At the special voter's meeting in January which adopted a resolution to move forward with the building project funding appeal, the voters also directed Council to appoint a building committee. I am very happy to report that the committee has been formed and has begun their task. Please thank the following members of the committee for willingly serving their Lord in this very important task—Randy Vogel, chairman.; Gary Heckendorf, Terry Hansen, Jeff Rehm, and Barry Washburn. Three subcommittees of the building committee have been formed – 1. A design committee 2. A construction committee 3. A communication committee. Interviews may be taking place of "design-build" firms however, the committee will wait until the end of the fund appeal before scheduling these interviews.

Buildings and Grounds Report

(Kurt Henning, Telephone # 677-2797)

Electricity has been installed in the church woods. Energizing of the transformer will be done by May 19th, weather permitting.

Arbor nights will be May 16th and 17th, weather permitting. Rain dates will be May 23rd and 24th.

A SUMMARY OF THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING

Vandalism was done in the cemetery. Many stones were pushed over causing many to break. Preliminary damage estimates are in the \$5000 to \$6000 range. Anyone having any information, please contact Kurt Henning.

The gymnasium floor will be recoated June 7th or 8th. The gym will be closed for use from June 7th through June 17th. The church sign on David's Star Drive is currently on hold due to setback issues.

Board of Elders

(Dennis Bell, Telephone #677-2248)

A new phone directory will be released soon.

Board for Elementary Education

(Patrick Steele, Telephone # #677-7673)

Technology- Recently the laser jet in the office died, so it was replaced. Mr. Watts has also installed a wireless antenna for the laptops and the COW. This does make it easier to use and get around.

Hot Lunch- Things continue to run smoothly. We are in need of 1 or 2 drivers for next year, so we are looking for replacements. Two items to consider: should we increase wages for the workers for 06-07, and do we give a gift card to the workers as we have done in the past? We also need to develop a School Wellness Policy by the beginning of next school year in order to participate in the Hot Lunch program. I will have to get started on that soon.

Lynne Tews has a listed started of potential drivers that can be used as a starting point.

Mr Gustafsan will start work on the wellness program

Last Day of School- Similar to last year, we are going to end the day with a Fun Day. It was a big success last year, so we are going to make a few adjustments with hopes of things running more smoothly.

Classroom Visits- I have completed all of my visits to the classroom and met with the teachers. All of the teachers have different gifts and abilities, which they bring to the ministry at David's Star, and they are doing a good job in the classroom. Mr. Watts will be visiting my classroom after Easter, so I will be reviewed as well.

06-07 School Theme- The theme for next school is "Jesus, Lead Us Day by Day." Similar to this year, we will try to display the theme wherever possible.

Math Curriculum- The faculty has decided to use the Harcourt Brace series for grades K-6, and the Prentice Hall series for grades 7-8. We are still trying to decide if we can work Algebra into the upper grades. Need to determine interest in program. How students will be selected and notified. Additional cost of books. Who will teach? How can this be combined with the desire to provide more release time for Mr. Gustafson.

Old Business

Release time for principal PRIORITY.

How soon are we going to do this?

Can we hire somebody to cover the appropriate time or should they be issued a call?

Can we do this internally by restructuring class rotations within the school (What I mean here is, would it be possible to hire somebody to teach a specific course, such as science, Spanish, or social studies, and have that person teach 6-8th grade. This would allow the 6th and 7th grade teacher the chance to teach some 8th grade course and give the principal some release time).

BOE visits continue as scheduled before May.

Next year the School needs to make an effort to spread their visits through out the school year – Scheduling them all for April is not working well.

Operetta Stage—tear down Saturday May 20, 2006 @ 9:00

NEW BUSINESS

Accreditation strategy

Work on Standard One

Set up Steering Committee

Graduation set up June 3, 2006 and tear down dates and volunteers?

It was suggested the wives of School Board Members meet to assist in setting up volunteer team and assigning tasks, Patrick will take this under consideration

Pastor Woldt suggested that we look at the menu to simplify it. A discussion about considering having roast pig. This was done once during Lent and went over well. Pastor and Patrick will look into the possibilities of doing this for graduation

Gary Heckendorf asked for a motion to provide anniversary (Mr Neuman) and retirement gifts (Dorothy Rusch). Motion was approved to provide gifts in accordance with established guidelines.

Mike Bublitz will ask Dorothy and/or Glenn Rusch how many guests will be attending the graduation/retirement meal.

Survey for 2005-2006 academic year resubmit at the end of April.

Spiritual Growth Report

(Mark Otte, Telephone # 306-3521)

Just 3 slots remain to be filled for next year's round of Bible Classes. The Children's Bible Study will have their last session on May 21. Thank you to all the teachers and aids who help make this program so successful. Teachers continue to be lined up for Family Bible Week which will take place in the evenings from July 31-August 3.

Stewardship Committee Report

Jody Hansen, Telephone # 387-1154)

Stewardship's last meeting was spent on the Synod's every member visit and how this will be implemented. Rod and Todd were also asked to be the leads in keeping "Our Foundation Built on the Rock" in the forefront.

Evangelism Committee Report

(Bob Traska, Telephone # 375-3877)

Canvas of our neighboring area was done on April 1 by placing flyers announcing our Easter egg hunt and Easter service times in newspaper boxes. Our next canvas will be held on July 15 to announce Festival of Friendship and Family Bible Week.

Mass mailing of Easter cards announcing our Easter services schedule was completed to approximately 1500 people in the Town of Cedarburg. Cost for this totaled \$584.44.

Easter egg hunt was held in our church woods on April 8. Approximately 60 children participated in this event. We did have at least 8 guest families for the hunt this year. Total cost for the Easter egg hunt was \$271.77.

Planning is underway for the Festival of Friendship, which will be held on Sunday, July 23 this year.

Planning for participation at the Washington County Fair booth will begin with a meeting to be held at Good Shepherd on 5/22.

Wally Miller has submitted proposals for the signs for "woods rules". These will be posted at the Church Road and David's Star Drive entrances to the woods.

Matt Enevold has indicated he may have materials for posts to be used to move the gates at the David's Star Drive entrance to the woods further into the woods to allow parking at the woods entrance.

Treasurer's Report

(Chuck Gauger, Telephone # 677-4361)

The April 30, 2006 ending balance in our operating fund shows a deficit of \$91,021. This compares to a deficit of \$105,402 as of March 31, 2006 and a deficit of \$88,210 on the same date last year. Year to date operating fund receipts are \$256,506 compared to \$243,296 last year and this year's budget of \$282,929.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports except those items that needed separate action under old or new business.

Old Business

Church Redecorating Committee - Final bids are being sought for carpeting and painting. It is expected to be brought back to the June Council Meeting and then to the July Voters meeting for approval. It looks like the "down-time" for the church will be minimal.

New Business

Appoint David's Star Delegate for District Convention – The convention takes place on June 6 – June 7. An elder or someone on the Church Council have attended in the past. Dennis Bell will look into whether or not he can attend. He will let Randy know ASAP.

A PLACE TO START

They don't know if there's a heaven. They're a little fuzzy on the subject of God. They do *not* want to be a notch on some evangelist's belt. BUT . . . **Everyone Wants To Be Loved.**

What did Jesus see in Zacchaeus? A pathetic small man in the crook of a tree? A scoundrel in a nice pair of shoes? What? I suppose what he saw was need -- raw, desperate, eternal need. A dead-man-walking, needing to be made alive. A hell-bound soul, needing to be rescued. A billion-of-a-kind sinner needing to be absolved. So much need hanging from a sycamore tree -- the need that drew the Son of God from eternity into time, and toward a tree of his own.

Was Zacchaeus aware of all that need? Probably not. Did he wake up that morning and say, "If I died tonight, where would I be?" Not likely. For many, such matters are hidden below the waterline of conscious thought. The stuff of dreams . . . bad ones. No, he may not have understood the need that brought the Savior to his town. And yet . . . something made Zacchaeus climb that tree.

Though he may not have understood the eternal issues swirling around his tax collector's booth, what he *did* know was what it's like to grow up small in a tall world. What it's like to carry the put-down part of him wherever he went. After all, why a tax collector? Was being despised better than being no one at all? And if you don't have love you can at least have some nice things? At any rate, he certainly *did* know what it was like to be *persona non grata* in the temple of God.

Let's think about it. There is a difference between eternal need of which a person may be only dimly aware, and something they call "felt need." What is "felt need?" It's what a man or woman would tell you if they believed you when you asked, "How are you?" It's the main subject of the monologue going on in a person's heart. It's the end of the sentence that starts with, "If only . . ."

If only someone would have taken the time to know me when the rest took one second to size me up."

"If only someone had stood beside me when the rest were laughing."

"If only someone came after me when I walked wounded away."

What is "felt need?" It's a place to start.

"Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house today."

"You think no one would want to spend time with you? I would. You're convinced no one notices you? Well guess what? I do."

Put yourself in the little shoes of Zacchaeus, watching Jesus over the heads of the suffocating crowd. See the one everyone wants to get close to, wanting to get close to you. Tonight, your houses will be a temple. Soon, your Lord will ascend a tree. And a little human kindness on the part of the Son of God, was the key that fit the lock.

Now what does Jesus see? The IRS agent is smiling...giving everything...confessing all. A newly enlarged man by God's grace is squeezing through the eye of a needle. Something long lost is suddenly found. (Luke 19:1-10)

Our "Festival of Friendship" is July 23rd at 10:00am. So why are we talking about it already? Then is when we encourage you to invite someone who needs Jesus to come to church with you. Then they will hear of God's extravagant gift for their most desperate need. Now is when you speak their name to God. What will you pray for? Pray to be shown their "felt need" . . . and what it has to do with you. Pray for a place to start.

Festival of Friendship

July 23rd, 10:00 am

In the church woods with picnic to follow.

Mark your calendar NOW!

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Message from The Master and Music For The Master are now heard Sunday mornings in Milwaukee on AM 1340 WJYI, "Joy 1340." From 7 - 7:15am, prepare your heart for worship with Music For The Master, followed by God's timeless Word with Message From The Master from 7:15 - 7:45am.

New Series Begins 6/4: "Traits of the Twelve"

June 4 - Panitzke **Twelve Apostles Twelve Foundations**

June 11 - Lindemann **Thaddaeus: Sharing Jesus with the World**

June 18 - Westendorf **Andrew: We Would Like to See Jesus**

June 25 - Mueller **Judas: The Traitor**