



## "True Security" By Pastor Michael Woldt

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Recently we read through the book of Ezra in our Wednesday morning bible class. We had an interesting discussion when we came to chapter 8. Let's refresh our memories. Ezra was a priest of the Lord who lived in the fifth century before Christ. He was preparing to lead a group of Israelites back to Jerusalem from the city of Babylon. Ezra and his group were facing a 900-mile journey through some volatile territory. Their cargo included large amounts of precious metals intended for the newly constructed temple. These riches would make this caravan an inviting target for marauding bands of brutal thieves. Now, listen in as Ezra shares his thoughts before the journey:

*There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God and ask him for a safe journey for us and our children, with all our possessions. I was ashamed to ask the king for soldiers and horsemen to protect us from enemies on the road, because we had told the king, "The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him, but his great anger is against all who forsake him." So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer. (Ezra 8: 21 -23).*

Ashamed to ask the king for protection? Afraid that his request might give the foreign king the impression that the God of Israel was not strong enough to shelter his people? Yes, that's what Ezra was thinking! He prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered that prayer with a safe journey.

But what's the lesson for us? The members of the class quickly decided that the Lord was not telling us to abandon common sense and due diligence when it comes to security issues. The Lord provides protection through his designated representatives. We are thankful for the deputies who in recent years have made daily stops at our school. We personally benefit from all forms of law enforcement, from fire departments, from first responders and appropriate armed forces supported by our government. We don't refuse these services simply because we are Christians, and the Lord is watching over us.

When the devil tempted Jesus to jump off the temple if he trusted the Lord, Jesus responded by quoting Scripture. "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." (Matthew 4:7)

No, we don't refuse protective services because we are Christian, but don't miss the important truth that Ezra confessed before the king. *"The gracious hand of our God is on everyone who looks to him."* Our true security is still found in the Lord.

What an important truth to remember in these troubling times. We aren't taking a 900-mile journey through volatile territory, but we live in a time when the unthinkable happens way too frequently. Shootings at malls, workplaces, schools, churches, and every conceivable place that people gather. Increased gang activity often fueled by abuse of drugs. A general disregard for life and well-being. However, even in the most troubling times, we have the comfort of knowing that our God is truly watching over us. We find our true security in the Lord.

Listen again to some of his promises. *"He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11). "The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8). "Surely, I am with you always, even to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)*

This Easter season we are reminded that our Lord Jesus had the power to protect us from our greatest enemies ... sin, death and the devil himself. His almighty power and loving care extends into our daily lives and personal journeys through life in this world. In troubling times, we find comfort in this truth: our true security is found in the Lord.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENIORS

Betty Vogel (4/3)  
Chrysta Schmelzer (4/15)  
Clarice Nicol (4/19)  
Eugene Kannenberg (4/29)  
Evelyn Guhl (4/30)

### April 2018 GREETERS

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	Dan & Sue Bolha
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:45am	n/a
	10:15am	n/a

### BIBLE STUDY OPORTUNITY

New Life in Christ Bible Series is a class intended for anyone who wishes to brush up on the Bible teachings or wants to come to understand them for the first time. This course also gives a full understanding of what we teach as a congregation. Upon completion, Non-members may choose to join our fellowship. Two classes are offered (Monday or Thursday) in the multi-purpose room of the school from 7pm to 8pm.

### 175<sup>th</sup> SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### April 29, 2018

We will have one worship service on the weekend held at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. A fellowship meal and a presentation by the school children will follow. Our focus will be on the blessings of Christian education. WELS BME Administrator Paul Prange will preach for this service.

#### June 16, 2018

Picnic Celebration! An old fashioned picnic will be held on the church grounds Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 am. There will be food, games, and entertainment!

#### July 1, 2018

Outdoor Worship in Church Woods will be held Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30am. Pastor Richard Gurgel will preach for this service.

#### August 26, 2018

Mission Festival in Church Woods. An outdoor worship service held on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at

9:30 am. Lunch and special mission displays will follow. Pastor David Kehl will preach for this service.

#### October 14, 2018

Special Celebration Service at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15am with lunch to follow on David's Star campus. WELS President Mark Schroeder will preach for this service.

**WALKING GROUP** - All are welcome to walk with us on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00am-9:00am. Feel free to come when you can and leave when you need to. We will be walking in the school gym until the weather warms up.

**WELCOME!** The school hot lunch program welcomes Jenny Gauthier as the new lunch coordinator!



**JAM** (Jesus and Me) is a Christ-centered program aimed at serving families with children who are not yet old enough for Kindergarten. Children can be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, babysitter, etc. Activities include: Bible lessons, singing, large- and fine-motor play, craft and snack time.

Save these **WEDNESDAYS** on your calendar, so that you can join us for **JAM**

**April 11**

**April 25**

**May 9**

**May 23**

We begin around **8:30AM** in the David's Star gym. Hope you can join us. Feel free to invite a friend!

### **COUNCIL CAPSULE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **Membership Report (Pastor Woldt)**

Incoming:

Pomerence (Gierach), Mary Ann; *Transfer from St. John's, Lannon, WI*  
Zietlow, Paul; *Profession of faith*

Outgoing:

Snyder, Sara; *Transfer to Deer Valley, Phoenix, AZ*  
Zajkowski, Ed & Sue; *Transfer to Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI*

### **Buildings and Grounds (Glenn Miller)**

Discussed signage for the woods to prevent motorized vehicles in the woods. Will move forward with the signage.

Received a quote for window cleaning on church and school. Approximately \$800 for inside and outside windows and \$500 for outside only, which is approximately a 40% discount.

Lots of people in the building when gymnasium is being used after school and on weekends. Consider lockable gates/doors when the gym is being used. School Board is looking into the use of the gym policy.

### **Board of Education (Jason Walz)**

Have not met since last Council meeting.

Would like to start a fact finding study on Wisconsin school choice program, with some experts on school choice. A small group would gather information and make recommendation to the Board of Education.

Amy Schrap accepted the call for K5. Colleen Loeffler and Amy Schrap are registered to take classes this summer.

### **Board of Elders (Dan Bolha)**

Replacement chairs for the front pews are coming soon.

After study, the Elders determined Thursday services will begin the Thursday before Memorial Day and run through Labor Day weekend.

### **Spiritual Growth Committee (Jon Kruse)**

Several teens are planning to go to the WELS youth rally.

### **Treasurer's Report (Joshua Boeldt)**

#### *Operating Budget Update*

Glory be to God on high! The total offerings for February were \$64,551, which is about 2.4% higher than the budgeted offerings. The total income for the month was about 2.1% higher than budgeted and is about 9% higher than the budget for the year to date. The actual expenses for February were about 2% higher than the budgeted amount and are slightly less than 1% higher than the budget for the year to date.

#### *Ministries Beyond our Congregation Update:*

The remittances in February for the WELS mission were 1.6% lower than budgeted for, while the KMLHS operating mission remittances were about 8.4% lower than budget. The KML Joyful Noise remittances were about 51% more than the amount budgeted for. The Multi Language Publication remittances were about 14% lower than the budgeted amount. The total amount remitted for all missions was about 1%

higher than the amount budgeted for February, but is 16% lower year to date.

#### *Building Fund Update:*

The mortgage loan balance at the end of February is \$1,137,717. The council's objective is to maintain a \$100,000 cushion in the building fund debt account—our balance at 2/28/18 was \$126,962, which is enough to allow us to make an additional principal payment of about \$3,100. This balance is up about 6.3% from January.

### **New Business**

-Gift/Recognition for Phyllis Dencker. A motion was made and seconded to make an announcement in the bulletin, for two weeks place a box in the narthex for members, and to place a card with a gratuity for \$5/year from Church Council. Motion carried. Gift will come from the Elder's budget.

-Sunday Snacks/Coffee/Cleanup—Needs some volunteer help. If the sheet is empty for snacks, just let it go without snacks. Nobody should feel that they should provide snacks if nobody volunteers.

Next Council Meeting: (7pm; April 10, 2018)

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### **PARISH NURSE NEWS**

#### ***Arthritis Foundation "Walk with Ease" program in Jackson!***

The Aging & Disability Resource Center is offering a "Walk with Ease" program. The program is designed for people with arthritis to increase balance and strength, reduce pain and improve over-all health. ***It is also suitable for people without arthritis who would like to begin a regular walking program.*** If you can be on your feet for 10 minutes without increased pain, then you can probably participate successfully.

Hosted by the Washington County Aging & Disability Resource Center, the Walk with Ease Program will be offered at Jackson Community Center, N165 W20330 Hickory Lane, Jackson WI, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. beginning April 9 thru May 18, 2018.

***It's Fun and it's Free.*** Option to purchase the Walk with Ease book for \$6.00. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call Jackson Community Center at 262-677-9665 to enroll

before Monday, April 9, 2018, or for more information.

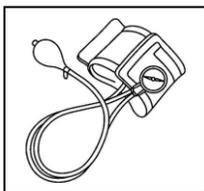
Thanks to Pam and Lorraine, we have been offering our own **David's Star Walking Club** on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in our school gym from 8-9am. Maybe you can't do mornings? Or maybe you want to exercise 5 days a week? Several options right here in Jackson! Once the weather allows we'll walk outside here at David's Star. Our numbers are up to 14 and growing! A fun group with flexibility to walk at your own pace and taking a break if needed!

Why do **we** exercise our God-given bodies? As above, to increase balance and strength, reduce pain, and improve over-all health **so that we are better able to serve the Lord and His people!**

Blessings from our Great Physician,

Sue Bolha RN, 677-3485

[parishnurse@davidstar.org](mailto: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, April 22th
- Sunday, June 24th
- Sunday, July 22th
- Sunday, September 23rd
- Sunday, October 28th
- Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

**BIBLE HOUR NURSERY** – is available for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located in the choir room. Follow the Kindergarten hallway all the way down, take a left and the choir room the first classroom on the right hand side.

**GREETERS** are needed to welcome fellow church members and visitors to Sunday worship. Qualifications needed: a warm, friendly smile and hand shake. Greeting begins 15 minutes before each Sunday service. If you are interested please feel free to sign up on-line by going to our church's web site and clicking on volunteer opportunities or by contact Kathryn Smith (677-2173) or Linda Pless (677-2109).

### SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP HELP IS

**NEEDED!** This fellowship time is a wonderful opportunity to visit with each other. Coffee, tea and snacks are generously donated by church members. There is a sign-up sheet available, on the snack table, for you to choose a Sunday to bring treats. Due to possible food allergies, finger food without nut products are preferred. If there are nuts in the product, please make a note indicating so.

There are a couple members who also volunteer about 10 minutes of their time to clean up after fellowship. If you would be interested in helping to clean up, feel free to contact Chris Schmidt (377-5086) or Linda Pless (677-2109).

**OUT OF THE NEST** – This 4th annual event is being sponsored by the Holy Hen House, a women's ministry group. It will be held Friday, April 20 from 6-10pm. In downtown Milwaukee Event includes dinner, speakers, music, shopping and much more. Tickets sell out fast, so order early. For details and tickets visit <http://www.holyhenhouse.com> or contact Jeanie Martin at 414-801-8406.

**WELS Women's Ministry** - The mission statement for this organization reads as such: Motivated solely by the gospel, WELS Women's Ministry exists to assist our congregations in nurturing, encouraging and equipping women to faithfully and fully use their God-given gifts to glorify God. As the contact person for David's Star, I receive emails with a devotion and ministry ideas and events. Here are a few things of note from their last email:

Women's Facebook Study on the book of Acts – a study on evangelism. We will dive into the book of Acts to be encouraged and equipped so we can share Christ with others. With an evangelism mindset we will watch God use and bless His people spread the Gospel. Confident that we, too, have been sent out by the Lord we will find motivation and insights to speak about what Jesus has done.

#### Study Schedule

- Wk 1 (April 9-13) - Acts 1-2 and introduction
- Wk 2 (April 16-20) - Acts 3-7 witnesses in Jerusalem
- Wk 3 (April 23-27) - Acts 8-12 witnesses in Judea and Samaria
- Wk 4 (April 30-May 4) - Acts 13-15 1st missionary journey
- Wk 5 (May 7-11) - Acts 16-20 2nd and 3rd Journey

Wk 6 (May 14-18) - Acts 21-28 Paul's witness spreads to Rome

Save the Date! The WELS Women's Ministry Conference will be held **July 18-20, 2019** at **Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI**. This triennial conference nurtures, encourages and equips women who are motivated by God's Word to use their gifts and talents for service in God's kingdom. Look for information on the conference speakers, topics, and resources in the monthly mailing and on Facebook. We can't wait to grow with you!

Bring your gifts to the table - As ministry opportunities continue to grow Women's Ministry is looking for help with specific projects and we need your gifts! Email us if you can help with any of these ideas! (see below for address)

- Materials Coordinator to manage the processing and organization of all our resources! You'll need pleasant and encouraging correspondence skills - and if you have basic Excel skills you're qualified!
- Coordinator for Spanish resources. If you are interested in this area of ministry work let us know!
- Mission Mentor - Do you have a heart for home missions with experience and a desire to mentor ladies new to a mission setting?
- Mission settings call for creative resources. We're looking for someone with mission experience to oversee the review, writing, and retooling of Bible studies for ladies in mission settings.

To get more information or talk about how your gifts can be used, email us at [womensministry@wels.net](mailto:womensministry@wels.net) You can find more information, devotions, prayers, ideas and support on their page at [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net) or visit their FB page at [www.facebook.com/WELSWomensMinistry](http://www.facebook.com/WELSWomensMinistry)

**CHORALE CONCERT** - The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee under the direction of Mary Prange will present its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert on Sunday, April 22 at 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (1209 N. Broadway - Milwaukee) The organ prelude presented by Lynn Kozlowski will begin twenty minutes prior to the concert. The concert will include music for choir,

orchestra, organ, and congregational singing. [www.lutheranchorage.org](http://www.lutheranchorage.org)

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**Walk or Run for LIFE: Saturday, May 12, 2018** Protect a child's right to live and be loved! Join other pro-lifers for the Life-A-Thon to benefit WELS Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical center ministry. Get friends together, raise funds for prizes, and help save lives! Competitive 5k and a Kid's Lifesaver Quarter Mile Dash at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary! Walk or run with everyone else, on your own, "virtually," or carry out your own mini-Life-A-Thon event if you are out of town or out of State! \$25 individual or \$60 family. Details and Registration at [www.Life-A-Thon.org](http://www.Life-A-Thon.org) or call [414-727-8176](tel:414-727-8176).

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**Gary's Gallop:** Wisconsin Lutheran College will host the 15th-annual Gary's Gallop 5k run/2-mile walk presented by Elite Sport & Spine on **Saturday, April 14** at the college's Outdoor Athletic Complex. Advance registration is \$25. For information or to register, visit [wlc.edu/garysgallop](http://wlc.edu/garysgallop). [Download an event flyer](#).

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**KML Annual Charity Auction** Join us in travelling *Back to the Future* for our 20th Annual Charity Auction on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Visit [www.kmlhs.org/auction](http://www.kmlhs.org/auction) to make a donation, register to attend, purchase raffle tickets, or learn more about this event. Do you work at a company willing to donate something to the silent or live auction? Know someone willing to donate time, service, or an item? Contact Mrs. Sue Neuberger ([sue.neuberger@kmlhs.org](mailto:sue.neuberger@kmlhs.org)).

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