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"Give to Caesar ... Give to God!"

By Pastor Woldt

This year the deadline for filing individual tax returns falls on the Tuesday of Holy Week. Here's a question for you: What do Holy Week and paying taxes have in common? Sounds like the opening line of a bad joke, doesn't it? But there are a few important observations to be made.

According to the Gospels, it was during Holy Week that Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's" (Matthew 22:21). Jesus was in Jerusalem, and his enemies were trying to draw him into a political trap. If Jesus spoke against paying taxes, the wrath of the Roman military machine would be unleashed against him. If Jesus supported the paying of taxes, many Jews who chafed under Roman oppression would consider Jesus a traitor to their desire for independence. Jesus' answer reminds us that we have responsibilities both to God and to government.

In Romans, chapter 13, the apostle Paul teaches us that God established government for a purpose. The God-given role of government is to "bear the sword" as an agent of God to "bring punishment on the wrongdoer." In other words, God's role for the government is to assure that we can live relatively peaceful lives, free from rampant crime and threat to life and limb.

We thank God for the resources we enjoy through good government services. Law enforcement officers, military personnel and others work to protect and serve the citizens of our communities and land. However, their efforts are not always

100% effective. While we enjoy relatively peaceful lives, we still live in a world where criminal activity has not been eradicated, and the threat of war is always present.

This Holy Week, we have the opportunity to see once again how completely effective Jesus was in fulfilling his mission as Savior of the world. At Christmas we welcomed Jesus into the world as "the Prince of peace"! This Prince came to establish peace between God and the sinful human race. This Prince never faltered as he carried out his work. He fought every temptation of Satan in life, and offered the perfect sacrifice for sin in death. After suffering the torments of hell in our place, this Prince rose victoriously from the grave and invited us to share in his victory and the eternal glories of heaven.

If we fill out our tax forms correctly, we know what we need to "give to Caesar." That begs the question ... what do we "give to God"? No, the answer is not "10%" or any other calculation based on income. The answer is that we belong to God 100%. God desires that we live our whole life to his glory ... whether we are eating, or drinking, or paying our taxes. Do we want to give God any less, considering what he has sacrificed for us?

God bless your worship this Holy Week. I pray that we all find renewed joy and appreciation for the peace Jesus has brought into our lives, and for the eternity of joy that awaits us all.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SENIORS

Betty Vogel...4/3/1927...87 yrs. old
Leonard Rusch...4/12/1933..81 yrs. old
Chrysta Schmelzer...4/15/1927...87 yrs. old
Lawrence Klein...4/29/1928...86 yrs old
Evelyn Guhl...4/30/1931..83 yrs. old



APRIL 2014 GREETERS

April 6, 2014; 7:45 - Dr. Joel & Linda Pless
April 6, 2014; 10:15 – Todd & Patty Backus

April 13, 2014; 7:45 - Ray & Linda Liesener
April 13, 2014; 10:15 – Dan & Sue Bolha

April 20, 2014; 7:45 -
April 20, 2014; 10:15 - Paul & Sharon Weis

April 27, 2014; 7:45 – Ben & Krista Traucht
April 27, 2014; 10:15 - John & Ruthanne Geldon

EASTER BREAKFAST The Easter Breakfast Committee is looking for five helpers to come to David's Star kitchen at 5:30 AM on Easter morning, April 20, to help make scrambled eggs. No experience is necessary. We will provide on-the-job training. We also need a clean-up crew of five to replace the egg scramblers at 7:45 AM. In addition, we are looking for six large nescos and four waffle irons. We are also in need of four volunteers to make cheesy potato casserole at your home and bring it to church Sunday morning. The recipe and food stuffs will be provided. Please contact Steve or Kathy Bintz at 262-677-0810 if you are able to help in one of these areas. Your help is greatly appreciated with this fellowship gathering!

SCHOOL ACCREDITATION In the coming months, the School will be looking for interested congregation members to help with the Accreditation process. When we went through this process in 2006-2007, we had over 40 congregation members assist us. We are looking for at least 40 volunteers to help us become Re-Accredited. We are need of members of all ages: school parents, grandparents, and high school students. This is a short commitment that

would last no more than six months and several meetings. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up in the Narthex, call the school office, or email the principal, Mr. Gustafson, tgustafson@davidstar.org.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE is looking for volunteers to help finish the lower level of the Chapel of the Christ to be used as a classroom, rehearsal and fellowship functions. They need general laborers and would also welcome those with other construction related skills. If you are interested in traveling to New Ulm, MN with Pastor Woldt for the week of July 7-11 to help, please contact him in person or via email at woldt@nconnect.net.

BIBLE CLASS OFFERINGS

WATCH FOR INFO regarding a special Focus on Marriage during bible class time following Easter. A WLCFS Christian counselor will be present to introduce the various topics and facilitate the sessions.

WOMEN NURTURING WOMEN THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet in the multi-purpose room located behind the concession area. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of each month at 9:30. It is always uplifting and encouraging to be in God's Word together. We hope you can come. God's Word gives us great joy, strength and comfort, for every day. With questions call Beth Steinbrenner at 262.685.7420 or e-mail me at pbandkids@yahoo.com.

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in the multi-purpose room of school at 10:00am. Currently we are studying Ephesians.

FRIDAY MORNING DROP-OFF BIBLE CLASS

All are welcome to this informal, start off your day Bible Study at 8:15am. When you come to David's Star to drop off your children on Friday mornings, stay a few minutes longer and discuss the truths of the Holy Scriptures and pray with other parents. Bring a bible. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea or bring your own.

COUNCIL CAPSULE SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

**David's Star Church
Council Meeting Capsule
March 11, 2014**

Members in attendance: Pastor Woldt, Pastor Loescher, Tim Gustafson, Brian Lee, Keith Rusch, Dennis Bell, Andy Loeffler, Dan Bolha, Randy Matter, Jim Korthals.

Absent: Kurt Henning, Andrew Loescher, Mike Willis

The meeting was called to order by Dan Bolha. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Woldt. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting on February 11, 2014.

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

Incoming: Dahl, Christine
Adult confirmation
Oehler, LaVern
Profession of faith

Outgoing: Mathiak, Erin
Transfer to Lamb of God, Lafayette, IN
Potter, Anna; Leonard IV
Transfer to Our Savior, Perry, MI
Stuebs, Ranier; Cynthia, Daniel, and Andrew
Released by request

**Pastors' Report
Pastor Loescher, Telephone # 262.677.0919
kloescher@davidstar.org &
Pastor Woldt, Telephone # 262.377.1019
woldt@nconnect.net**

The current work of the pastors will be reflected in the reports of the various committees. Pastor Woldt is considering helping with finishing the MLC chapel basement the week of July 7. If anyone else would be willing to volunteer, they should contact Pastor Woldt.

**President's Report
Brian Lee, Telephone # 262.377.9419
brianandpam1@att.net**

Regarding the parish center/teacherage, it is targeted for tear down in early 2014. There was nothing new to report regarding the subpoena. Our legal counsel is advising us to be patient and let the system work.

**Board for
Buildings and Grounds
Kurt Henning 262.677.2797
klhrconst@gmail.com**

No report.

**Board for Elementary Education
(Mike Willis, mike.willis@sial.com)
(Principal Tim Gustafson Telephone # 338-3992
tgustafson@davidstar.org)**

The board is working on the exact wording that will help clarify what qualifies as tuition for the WI state tax deduction of up to \$4000 of school tuition paid in 2014. Bob Heider has agreed to chair the steering committee for the reaccreditation process. Germantown school district is thinking of issuing parent contracts instead of offering bussing to school.

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

The board discussed the Sheriff Dept's Active Shooter presentation that was held last week, and decided to pursue setting up one for the church. Dennis will work with Rod Kison and the ushering staff on that. The school already has one, and the board will attain a copy for comparison. Dave Martin reminded the board of the upcoming OWLS meeting that would include President Schroeder as guest speaker. Pastor Woldt reported that Koine' has agreed to participate in our Mission Festival this year. Terry Hansen reported that the projector stand has been lowered and cleaned up to accommodate the bigger new screen. Kris Eggers supplied the yearly review that her position of Worship Music Coordinator requires. After the review, the board made a motion to commend Kris for her efforts, and requested that the Board of Education continue to provide release time for Kris which allows her to serve as Worship Music Coordinator.

**Evangelism Committee
(Andrew Loescher, andrewloescher@yahoo.com)**

Pastor Loescher reported that an Easter Egg Hunt is planned again this year. Andrew and his wife will be moving to Tennessee in July. There was some discussion about the next church pictorial directory. There now is a cost associated with it which the committee will cover with the money in their budget.

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

Regarding the proposal to reduce the number of offering envelopes, the following changes will be made:

1. Eliminate the monthly Restricted Building Fund envelope. The Restricted Building Fund and Let Our Light Shine envelopes are both used for the same purpose. Let Our Light Shine is on the weekly envelope, and it also has a separate monthly envelope.

2. Eliminate the Spring Mission Festival envelope. We would still have the August Mission Festival envelope.
3. Eliminate the Balance the Budget envelopes. Presently there are four such envelopes. They can be re-introduced again if the need ever arises in the future.

Spiritual Growth Committee
Andy Loeffler, Telephone #262.677.2319
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The committee is adding a marriage workshop in addition to the regular Bible class being offered.

Treasurer's Report
Randy Matter, Telephone # 262.376.1585
rmattercpa@gmail.com

A report was not yet available. There were problems with database corruption in the accounting software. Mark is looking at possible solutions that will allow Lisa Marie to work remotely without risking database corruption.

A motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

Old Business
 No old business

New Business
 Congregational Meeting Date and Meeting Format - There was a discussion about setting the next congregational meeting for June. Also discussed were various options that the council, boards, and committees might use in presenting information to the members of the congregation both in the congregational meeting and outside of the meeting. There was also discussion about whether to change how often to generate offering statements. Formal action was tabled until the next meeting.

Next month's meeting is **Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Respectively submitted,

Keith Rusch, Recording Secretary
keith_rusch@yahoo.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT
April 12 - 11:00 am

Come and join us for this annual tradition in our church woods. Hear the Easter Story told by using special Easter Eggs, along with plenty of candy-filled eggs. Kids 0-12. Great Family Fun!



Parish Nurse News

Even Late Quitters Can Improve Health

People who quit smoking late in life increase their health and longevity. According to a Duke University study, researchers concluded that men who quit at age 35 can extend their lives by 7 to 9 years, and women can extend their lives by 6 to 8 years. For smokers who quit at age 65, male smokers can gain nearly 2 years of life, while women can gain 3 to 4 years.

Living longer can translate into more years of ministry; more years in retirement; or simply more years enjoying the grandchildren. *The study, involving more than 877,000 smokers, sends an important message that it's not too late to quit smoking.*

Furthermore, God created a body that begins to benefit immediately upon quitting:

- **After 20 minutes:** your heart rate and blood pressure drop.
- **After 12 hours:** the carbon monoxide level in your blood drops to normal.
- **After 24 hours:** the chance of heart attack decreases.
- **In 2 weeks to 3 months:** circulation improves and your lung function increases.
- **In 1 year:** excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker's.
- **In 2-5 years:** stroke risk can fall to that of a non-smoker.
- **In 5-10 years:** the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder is cut in half. Cervical cancer risk falls to that of a non-smoker.

The Psalmist in Psalm 71 reminds us that the Lord and His love for us never changes. "In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame. Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness; turn your ear to me and save me. Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth." Thinking about quitting? Ask the Great Physician to help you! He promises to hear our prayers and be our rock of refuge!

God's Blessings to You,
 Sue Bolha RN

Source: Better Health



*Mid-Week
Lenten
Services*

2014

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April 2

Pastor Timothy Wahl, Morning Star
The Garden of Peace
John 19:38-42

April 9

Pastor Michael Woldt
The Garden of Paradise
Revelation 22:1-6

Lenten Suppers 2014

A light supper will be served between our mid-week Lenten services. The meal will be offered between 4:45 and 6:30 PM in the gym. Please join us for food and fellowship.

April 2 The Adult Choir and Adult Handbells will serve a variety of casseroles, and baked potatoes with toppings.

April 9 The Barnabas Bible Study groups will serve spaghetti and tossed salad.



**HOLY WEEK
CHURCH
SERVICE
TIMES**

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2014
3:45 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday Services

April 18, 2014
1:30 PM – Service of the Cross
7:00 PM – Service of Darkness

Easter Eve Service

April 19, 2014
7:00 pm

Easter Dawn Service

April 20, 2014
6:00 am

Easter Festival Services

April 20, 2014
7:45 and 10:15 am

Easter Breakfast serving from
7:00 – 10:00 am (School gym)



Confirmation 2014

*On Sunday, April 13th in the 10:15 service
Sixteen students will be confirmed.*

*Elijah James Ahrens, Jacob David Anderson,
Royal John Doering, Joshua Connor Enevold,
Jeremy Ryan Gaeth, Morgan Elizabeth
Grueneberg, Jodi Rae Hartwig, Livia Rae
Lickteig, Brittney Amber Miller,
Amanda Louise Porth, Cassandra Katherine
Schneiker, Joshua Edward Scholze, Storm
Austin Starks, Noah Samuel Steinbrenner,
Jack Alexander Taylor and Anna Alyse
Weyker*